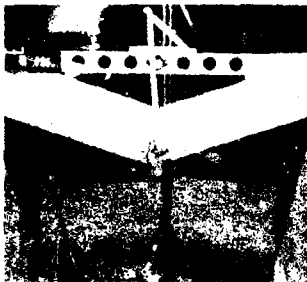
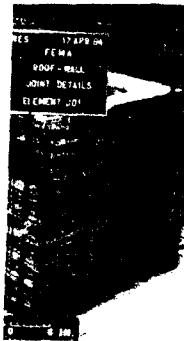




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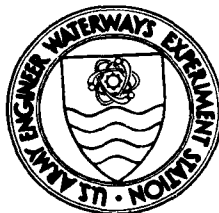
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<u>Multiply</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>To Obtain</u>
cubic feet	0.02831685	cubic metres
degrees (angle)	0.01745329	radians
feet	0.3048	metres
g's (standard free fall)	9.80665	metres per second squared
inches	25.4	millimetres
kilotons (nuclear equivalent of TNT)	4.184	terajoules
megatons (nuclear equivalent of TNT)	4.184	petajoules
pounds (force) per square inch	0.006894757	megapascals
pounds (mass)	0.4535924	kilograms
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

At the time this study was initiated, several civil defense policy options were being analyzed for protection of the nation's industrial capability and key workers. One option under consideration called for construction of blast shelters to protect key workers remaining in high-risk areas during a national crisis. In support of this option the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) tasked the U.S. Army Engineer Division, Huntsville (HND) to develop keyworker shelter designs. The design required an earth covered shelter to resist the radiation and blast effects of a 1-MT\* nuclear detonation at the 50-psi peak overpressure level. Personnel in the Structures Laboratory of the U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) supported the HND with design calculations and design verification experiments.

A preliminary structural design for the shelter was developed based on computational procedures developed by Kiger, Slawson and Hyde (1984) in the Shallow-Buried Structures Research Program at WES. Using a roof slab thickness of 10 inches, a span of 11.3 feet, and limiting the mid-span deflection to 7 inches, the minimum required tension and compression reinforcement ratios were determined to be approximately 0.007. The roof slab principal reinforcement extended into and 40 bar diameters down the walls. This reinforcement embedment resulted in the requirement that the roof slab reinforcement be placed into position prior to placement of concrete in the walls. This design was experimentally evaluated using scale-model testing.

Six static tests and twelve dynamic tests were performed on approximately 1/4-scale models of the Keyworker blast shelter as reported by Slawson, et. al. (1985). The effects of backfill type, concrete strength, and depth-of-burial on structural response were investigated. The roof slab was

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\* A table of factors for converting non-SI units of measurement to SI (metric) units is presented on page 4.

determined to be capable of resisting a 1-Mt weapon at approximately a 150-psi peak overpressure level with moderate damage. Permanent mid-span deflections varied from less than 0.1 inch to collapse in the test series. The failure mode for these models was the classical three-hinge mechanism with roof yield lines at mid-span and at the interior face of the walls. The roof-wall connection performed adequately during this test series. The joint details provided adequate embedment length to prevent principal roof reinforcement pullout and allowed large plastic rotations without premature failure. The joint details used in these test elements will be referred to throughout this report as the "original" joint details for the Keyworker blast shelter.

In the construction of a large number of shelters, it was important that the shelter design provide the required structural capacity at reasonable costs. The original roof-wall reinforcement detail created a constructibility problem that increased construction costs. The research reported herein investigates the modification of the roof-wall connection detail to allow casting of the structure walls without requiring the roof reinforcement to be in place. This facilitates removal of the wall forms from the inside of the shelter through the open roof and allows the placement of a construction joint near the top of the walls. This should decrease construction costs and the amount of time required for casting of the prototype structure.

## 1.2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test program was to evaluate alternate roof-wall joint details for the Keyworker blast shelter in an effort to improve constructibility without reducing structural capacity.

## 1.3 SCOPE

Three 1/4-scale reinforced-concrete box-type models were statically tested under uniform water pressure in the 6-foot-diameter Small Blast Load Generator (SBLG) at WES. Two of the models (JD1 and JD3) were reinforced similar to the original design except for the joint details. The third model (JD2) was identical to the models studied in the Yield Effects Tests (Slawson, Garner and Woodson, 1986). The principal reinforcement details in JD2 were

developed from tests investigating stirrup details (Woodson, 1985) and principal reinforcement details (Woodson and Garner, 1985). JD2 was constructed after the testing of JD1 and JD3; therefore, the results of the two tests aided in the design of the joint details in JD2. JD2 represented the recommended WES design and was statically tested to: (a) allow a comparison of the model's static response with the original structure's static behavior and (b) validate the structural design (including joint details) recommended for the Keyworker blast shelter.

## CHAPTER 2

### TEST DESCRIPTION

#### 2.1 CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

The three test specimens were one-way, open-ended reinforced-concrete box elements. All models had a roof clear span of 33 inches, a clear height of 30 inches, and wall and floor thicknesses of 2.25 inches. Specimens JD1 and JD3 had roof thicknesses of 2.5 inches and roof effective depths of approximately 1.8 inches at mid-span. JD2 had a roof thickness of 2.25 inches and a roof effective depth of approximately 1.6 inches at mid-span.

The tension and compression steel ratios in the roofs, floors, and walls of JD1 and JD3 were approximately equal to 0.007 (neglecting additional dowel reinforcement at critical sections). Models JD1 and JD3 also contained stirrups in the roofs, floors, and walls. Based on previous test data (Woodson and Garner 1985), approximately 75 percent of the roof and floor principal reinforcement was placed in the tension zones, and 25 percent was placed in the compression zones in JD2. This required the use of reinforcement bent, such that it was placed in the exterior face of the roof or floor slab near the supports and in the interior face at mid-span. This was accomplished by the use of truss bars as shown in Figure 7. Tension and compression steel ratios in the roof and floor of JD2 at mid-span were approximately 0.012 and 0.004, respectively. Stirrups were placed only in the walls of JD2. Steel reinforcement ratios and effective depths for all of the elements are summarized in Table 1.

Construction details for test specimens JD1 and JD3 are presented in Figures 1 through 3. Joint details for both models allow complete construction of the walls prior to placement of roof reinforcement in a prototype structure. The only difference in the two models was that a 180-degree hook was used at the ends of the roof principal steel in JD1, and a 90-degree hook was used in JD3. The 90-degree hook extended only 0.75 inch (3 inches in prototype) into the wall below the bottom face of the roof slab. Additional reinforcement (mid-span dowels) was placed in the tension zone (bottom face) at the roof's mid-span in JD1 and JD3. The purpose of the mid-

span dowels was to increase the moment capacity of the roof slab at mid-span, thereby prohibiting premature failure at the roof mid-span and allowing a study of the joint detail behavior.

Construction details for test specimen JD2 are presented in Figures 4 through 7. Midspan dowels were not required in JD2 because the tension reinforcement ratio at mid-span was large enough to insure a ductile response. A 180-degree hook was used at the ends of the roof principal steel. Alternating wall principal reinforcement bars were bent 90 degrees and extended along the top face of the roof a length of about 30 percent of the roof's clear span. The joint also contained dowels between principal steel locations that reinforced the exterior face of the wall and extended into the interior face of the roof. The dowels helped in maintaining a balanced joint detail design by increasing the moment capacity of the wall near the joint to prevent wall failure prior to roof failure.

Photographs taken during construction of the models are shown in Figures 8 through 13.

## 2.2 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL PROPERTIES

### 2.2.1 Concrete

The concrete mix was designed to have a 28-day compressive strength of 3,000 psi. The mix consisted of Type I Portland cement obtained from a local commercial supplier, a natural siliceous sand fine aggregate, and a crushed limestone coarse aggregate with a 3/8-inch maximum diameter. Compressive tests on concrete cylinders yielded mean values of 28-day strength for JD1, JD2, and JD3 of 2,520, 2,790, and 2,940 psi, respectively. The mean values for the test day compressive strength of the concrete in models JD1, JD2, and JD3 were 2,680, 3,150, and 2,940 psi, respectively.

### 2.2.2 Reinforcing Steel

The principal reinforcing steel used in models JD1 and JD3 was ASTM (1984) Grade 60 No. 2 rebar. The principal reinforcing in model JD2 consisted of 0.195-inch diameter (D3) deformed wire that had been heat treated to model



Grade 60 rebar. Stirrups and temperature steel in all models consisted of heat-treated 0.11-inch-diameter (D1) deformed wire. Results of tensile tests on the reinforcement are presented in Table 2.

### 2.3 LOADING DEVICE

The static tests were performed in the SBLG at WES. The device consists of a Central Firing Station (CFS) (a massive posttensioned concrete reaction structure) and a test chamber. The test chamber consists of two 5-foot 11-3/4-inch inside diameter steel rings stacked on a movable platen to form a cylindrical chamber 6-feet deep. The loading device can be used for both static and dynamic tests. Slowly applied (static) loading can be achieved by sealing the exhaust ports and pumping water into the chamber. A detailed description of the use of the static test device is given by Huff (1969). The three tests discussed in this report were tested statically in the configuration shown in Figure 14.

### 2.4 INSTRUMENTATION

Each model was instrumented for rebar strain and roof displacement. In addition, water loading pressure and soil-stress measurements were made. The data were recorded on a Sangamo Sabre III FM magnetic tape recorder. The data were digitized and plotted with water pressure as the ordinate. Figures 15 and 16 show the instrumentation layout for the test specimens.

Soil-stress measurements were made in the free field at a depth of 1/2-inch below the roof's surface at a distance of 12 inches from the model's wall. Two Kulite SE Model VQV-080-LR soil-stress gages (SE1 and SE2) having ranges of 200 psi were used in each test.

Reinforcement steel strains were measured on the inside (EI) and outside (EO) of principal steel using Micro-Measurements single-axis, metal film, 350-ohm, temperature-compensated, 1/8-inch strain gages. The gages were model number EA-06-125BZ-350. In addition, dowel strains (ED) were measured in tests JD1 and JD3, and truss bars strains (E) were measured in test JD2.

Two Celesco PT-101 displacement transducers were used in each test, one at mid-span (D1) and one at quarter-span (D2). The transducers had a maximum allowable working range of 10 inches.

Two Kulite Model HKMS-375, 500-psi pressure gages (P1 and P2) were mounted in the test chamber to measure the water pressure applied to the roof's surface.

## 2.5 TEST PROCEDURE

The 6-foot-diameter SBLG (Figure 14) was used to statically test each model. Prior to placement of the model in the SBLG, sand was placed and compacted to a level of 3 feet 6-1/4 inches below the top of the chamber. The box element was placed on the compacted sand, and instrumentation gages were connected to cables passing through steel endplates and the test chamber's wall to a junction terminal box. The steel plates covered the open ends of the model, and thrust rods were installed between the two plates to keep the plates from bearing against the structure. Silicon caulk filled the gaps between the steel plates and the model.

Sand backfill was compacted in 6-inch lifts to the roof surface level (approximately 8 inches below the top of the test chamber). A 1/4-inch-thick neoprene membrane was placed over the model and clamped to a ring along the inside face of the chamber to waterproof the structure and backfill during the test. The lid was placed on the chamber and the assembly was moved on tracks into the CFS. Water was pumped into the chamber above the structure, pushing the chamber's lid against the CFS and applying a slowly increasing uniform load to the roof's surface. The displacement gage located at mid-span and one of the pressure gages were monitored on an X-Y plotter during the test. The test was terminated when the incipient collapse deflection of the roof slab was reached or when the water pressure suddenly decreased due to rupture of the neoprene membrane.

Table 1. Summary of roof reinforcement ratios including dowel reinforcement at critical sections.

Model	Effective Depth, d (inches)		Reinforcement Ratio			
	Mid-Span	Support	Mid-Span		Support	
			Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom
JD1	1.8	2.0	0.0074	0.0140	0.0126	0.0067
JD2	1.6	1.6	0.0040	0.0120	0.0160	0.0080
JD3	1.8	2.0	0.0074	0.0140	0.0126	0.0067

Note:

The reinforcement ratios were calculated for each face of the roof slab section at the mid-span and at the face of the support by the following:  $A/bd$ , where:

- A = the total area of steel in the layer
- b = the length of the structural model (33 inches)
- d = the distance from the compression face of the slab to the centroid of the tensile reinforcement

Table 2. Results of tensile tests performed on reinforcing steel.

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Yield Stress</u> <u>ksi</u>	<u>Ultimate Stress</u> <u>ksi</u>
D1 Deformed Wire (0.11-inch dia)	60.4 67.7 59.8 60.8 55.7	62.9 71.2 63.7 63.4 58.9
(mean)	(60.9)	(64.0)
D3 Deformed Wire (0.195-inch diam.)	59.9 66.8 68.2 74.0 70.4	66.5 75.0 74.4 79.2 77.0
(mean)	(67.9)	(74.4)
No. 2 Rebar (0.25-inch diam.)	73.7 58.3 73.8 72.1 68.4	78.7 63.0 78.8 77.2 73.6
(mean)	(69.3)	(74.3)

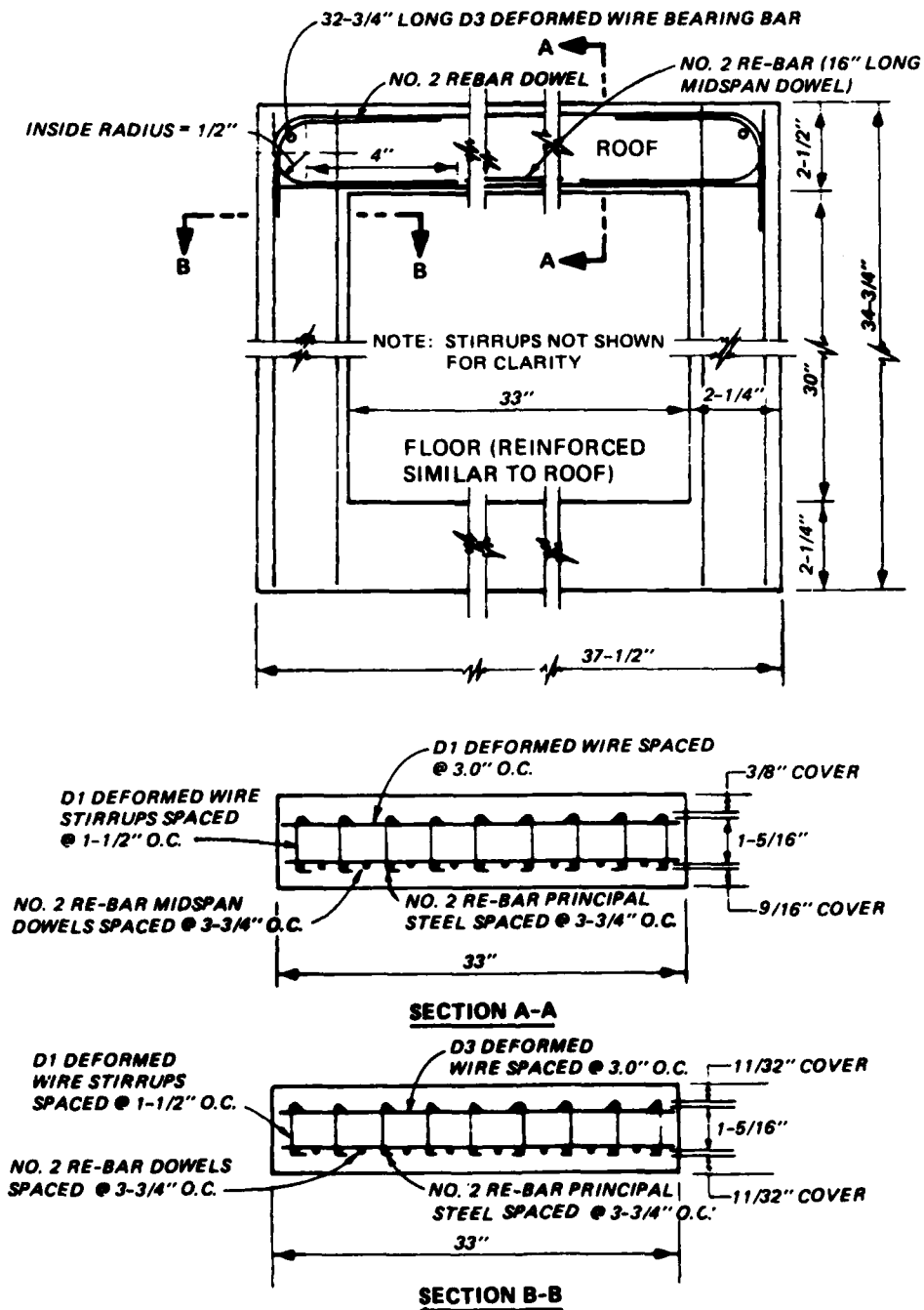
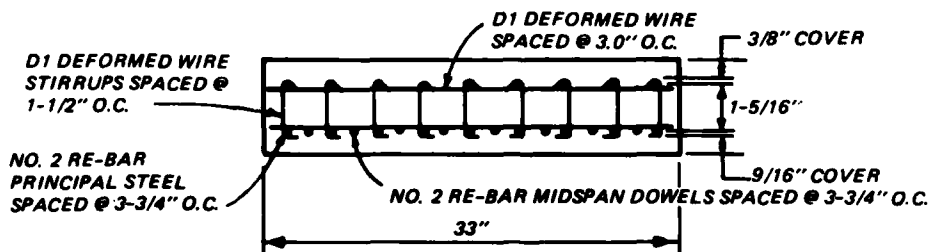
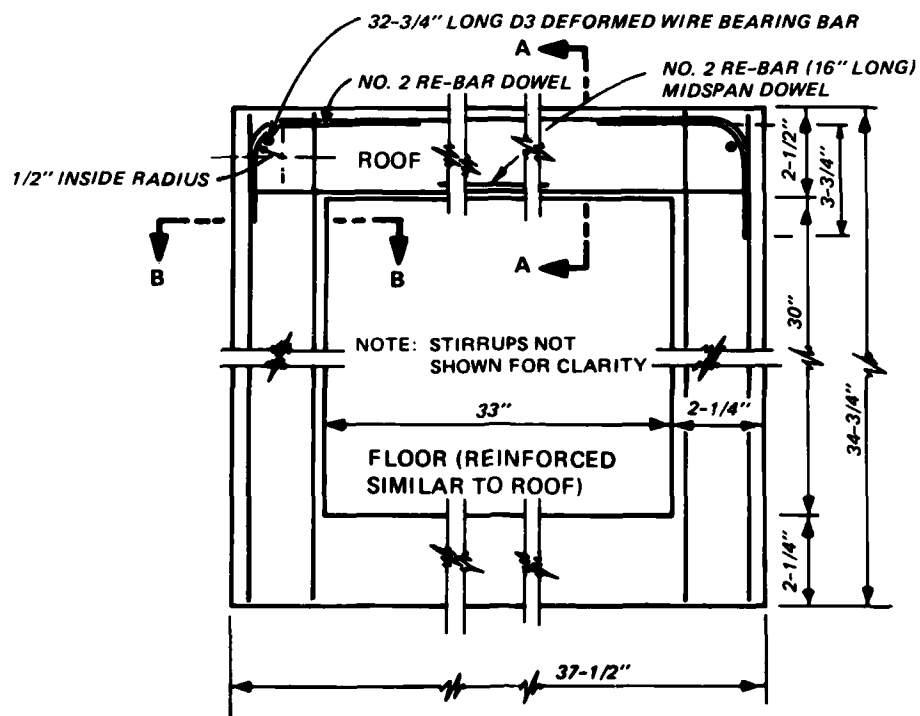
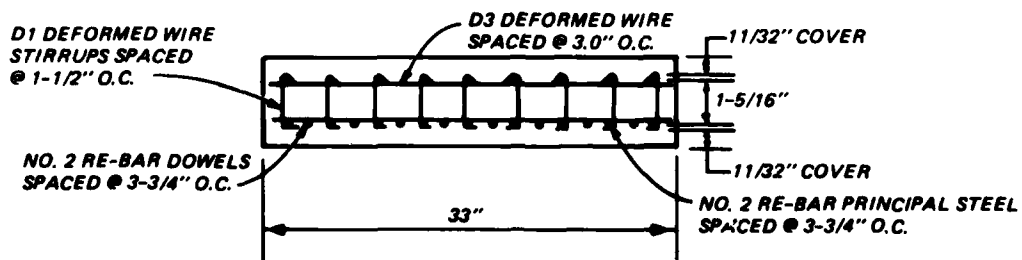


Figure 1. Reinforcement details for JD1.

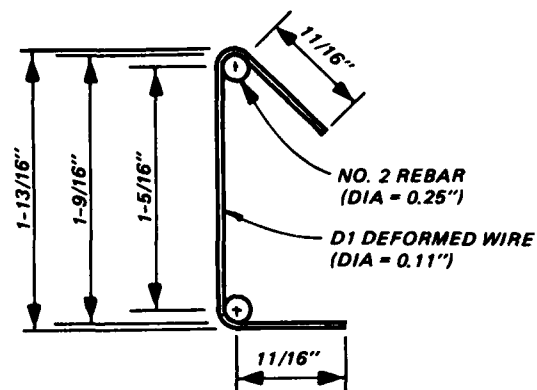


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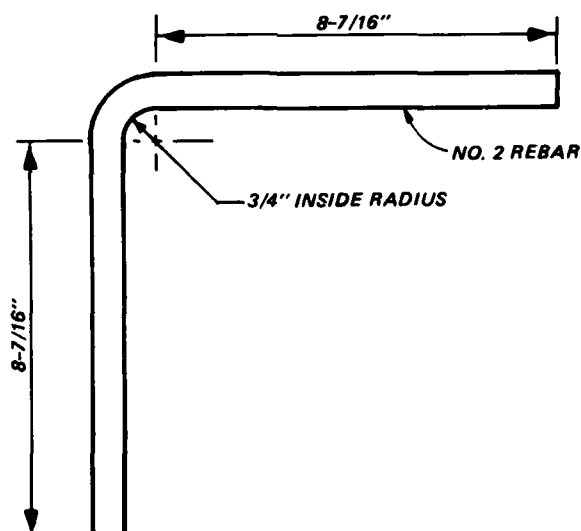


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**Figure 2. Reinforcement details for JD3.**



a. ROOF AND WALL SHEAR STIRRUP DETAIL



b. ROOF-WALL CONNECTION DOWEL

Figure 3. Reinforcement fabrication details for JD1 and JD3.

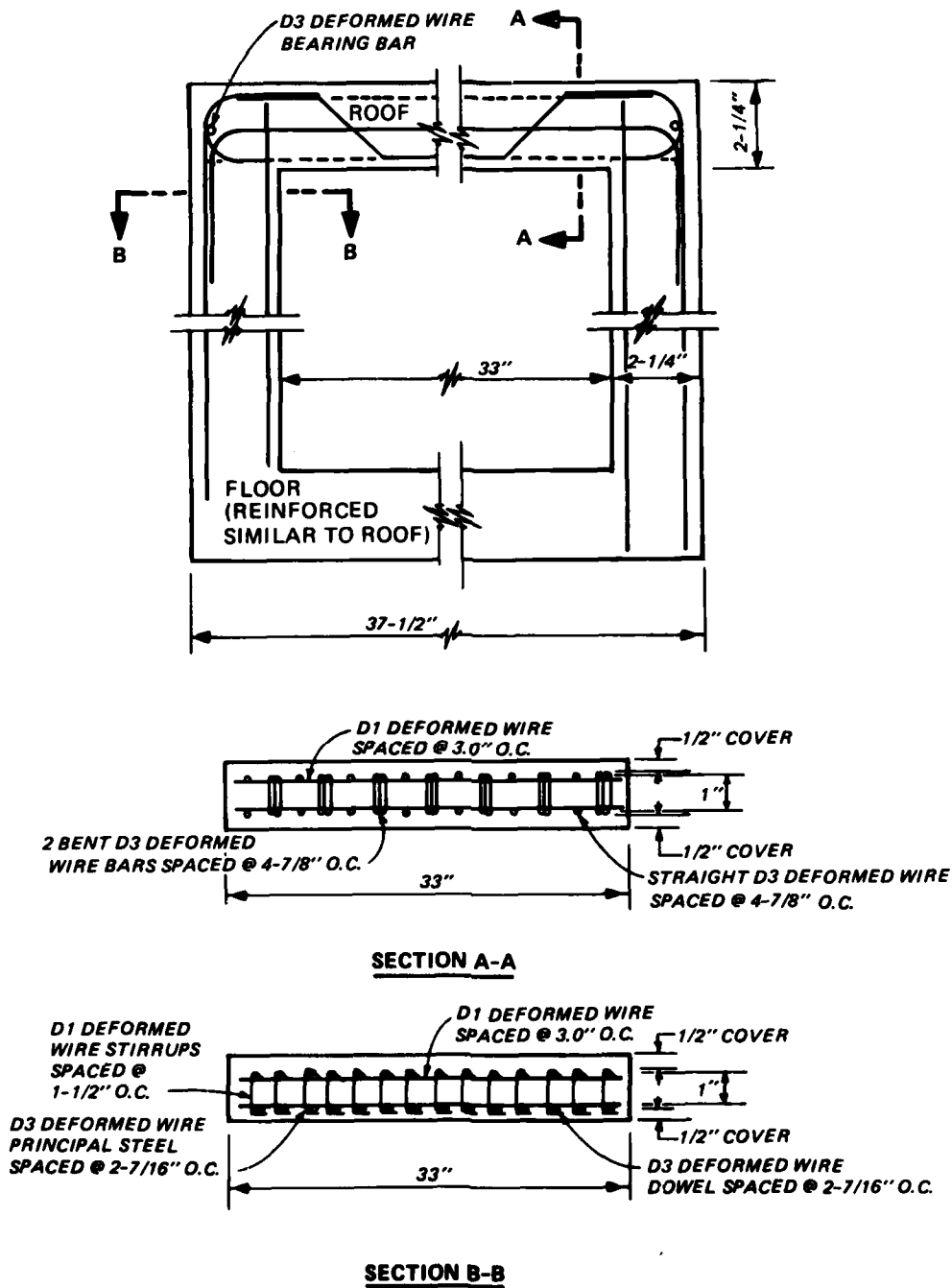


Figure 4. Reinforcement details for JD2.



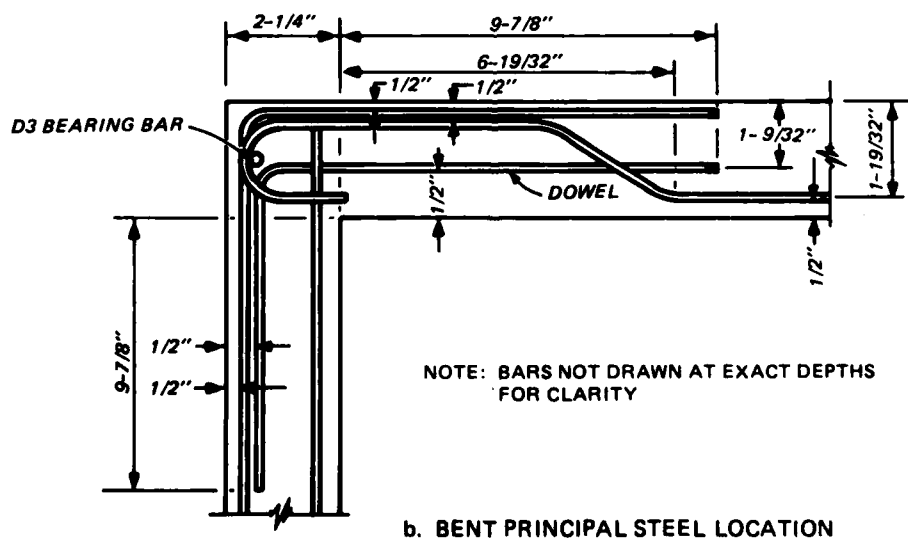
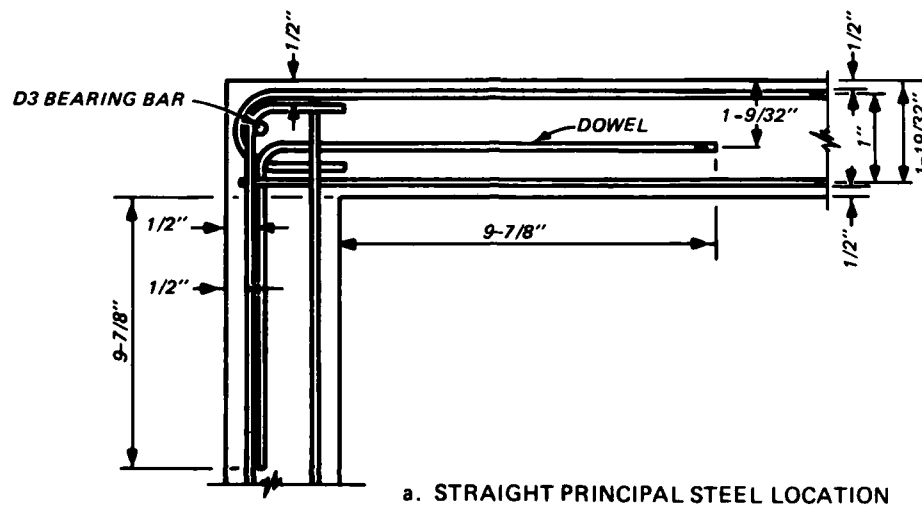
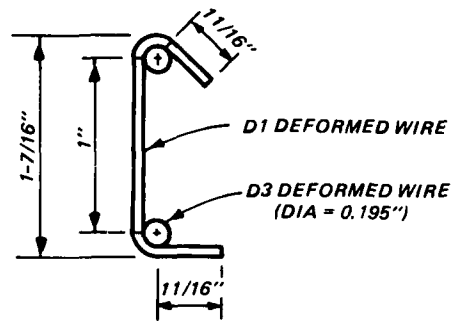
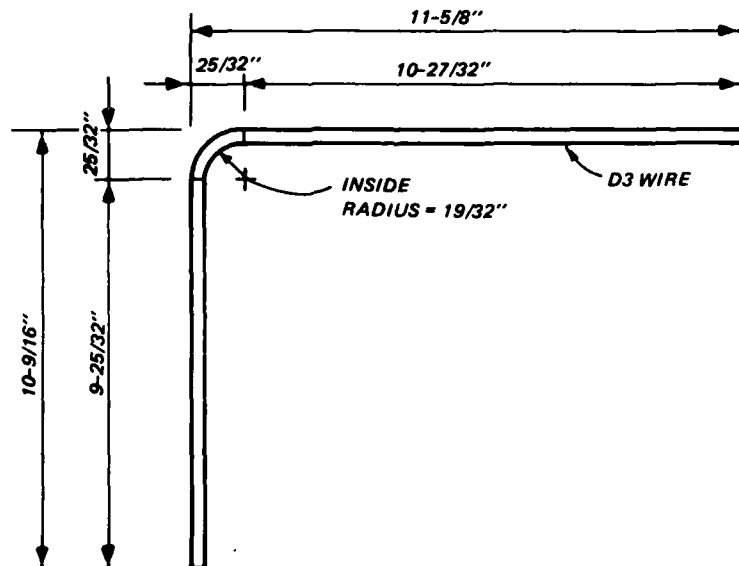


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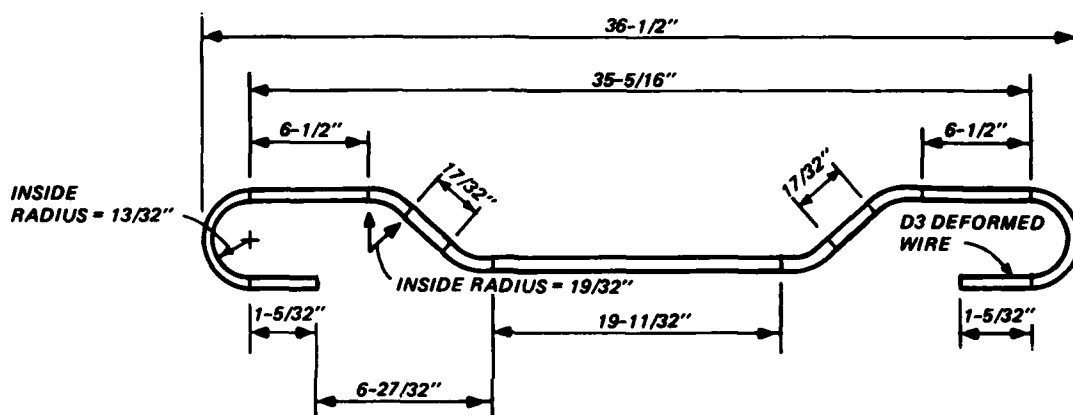


a. WALL SHEAR STIRRUP



b. ROOF - WALL CONNECTION DOWEL DETAIL

Figure 6. Reinforcement fabrication details for JD2.



JD2 BENT BAR DETAIL

Figure 7. Truss bar fabrication details for JD2.

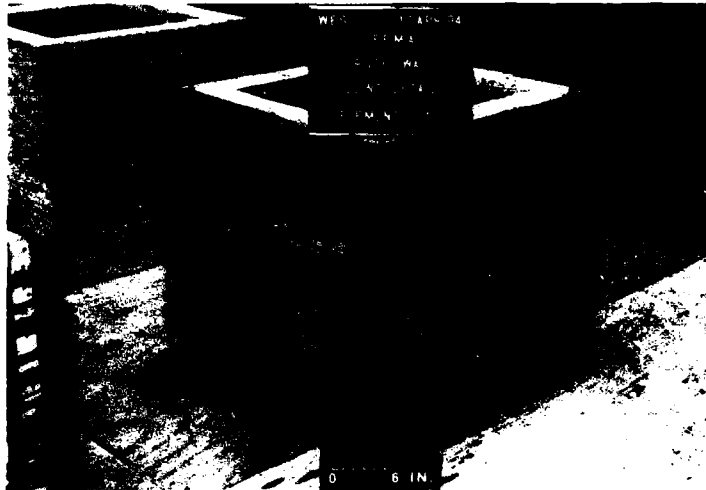


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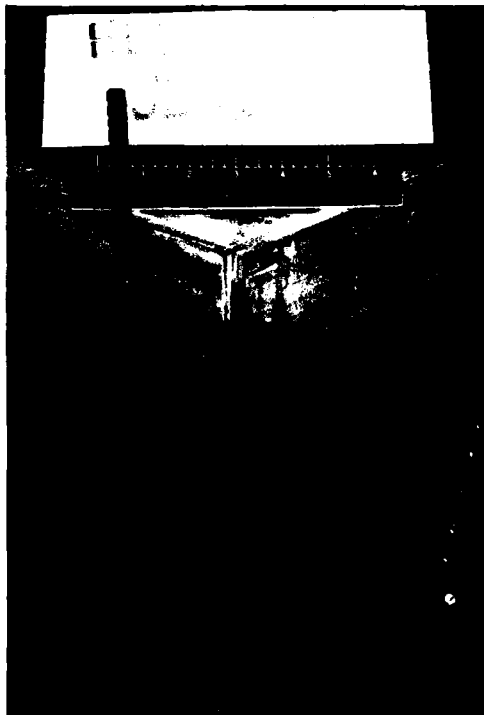


Figure 9. Close-up view of JD1 joint detail.

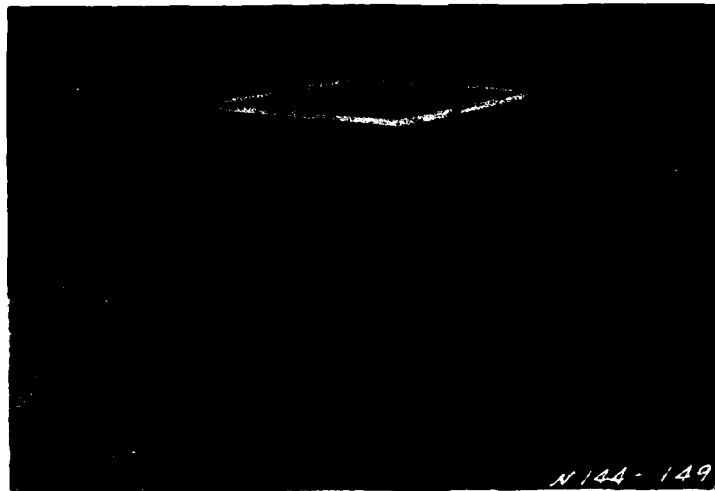


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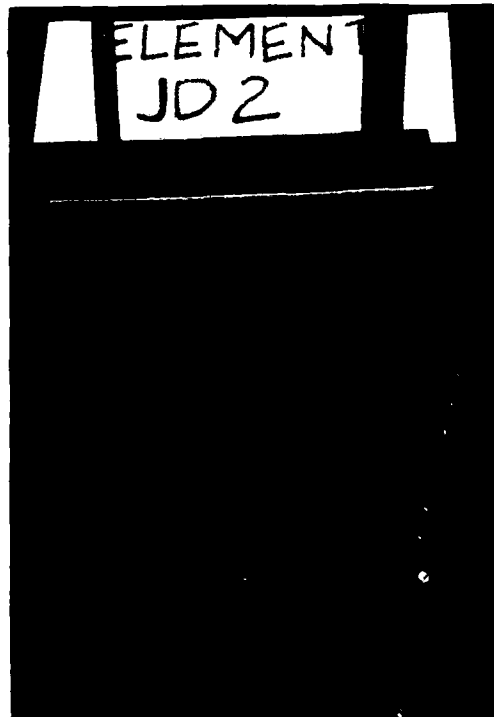


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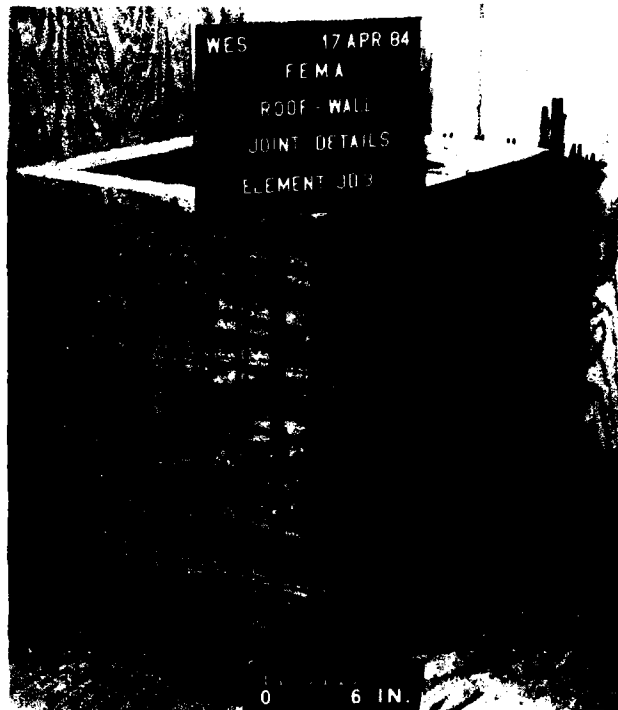


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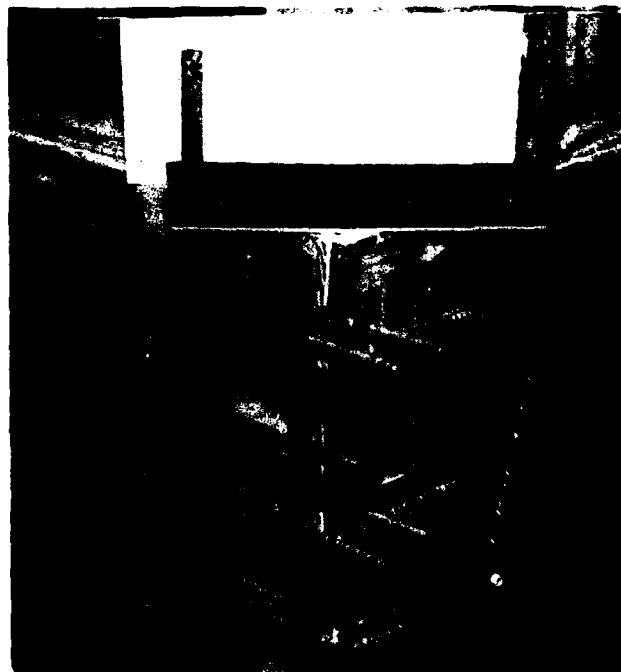
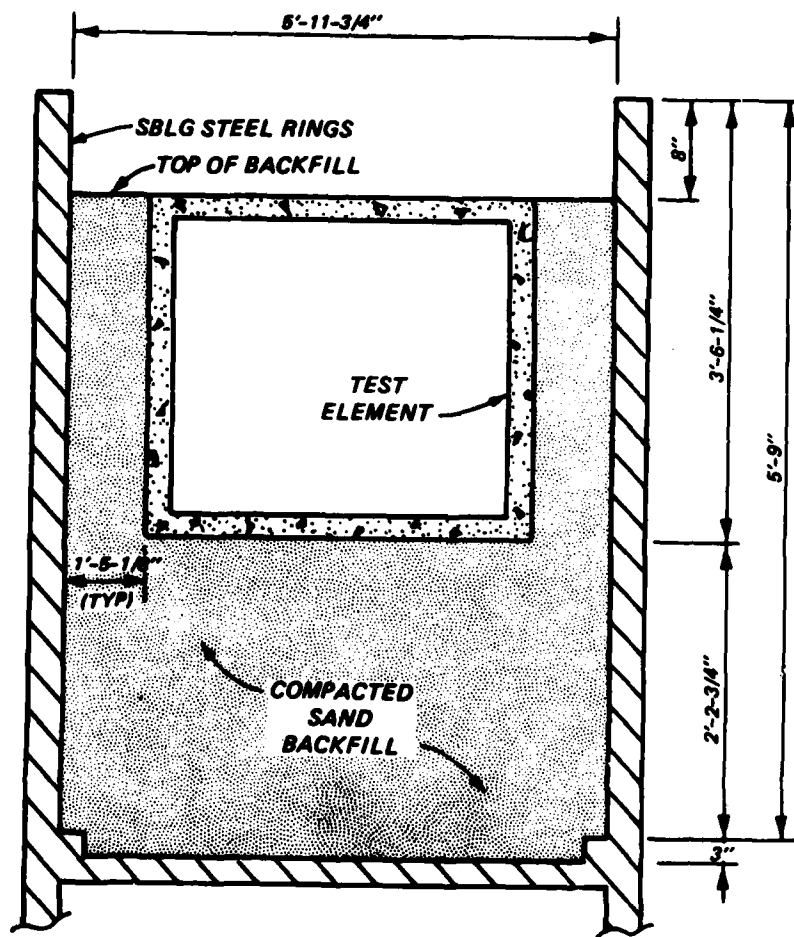
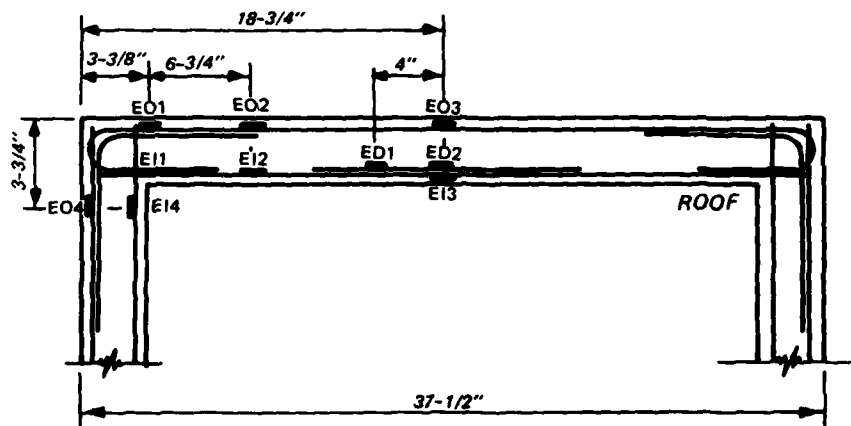


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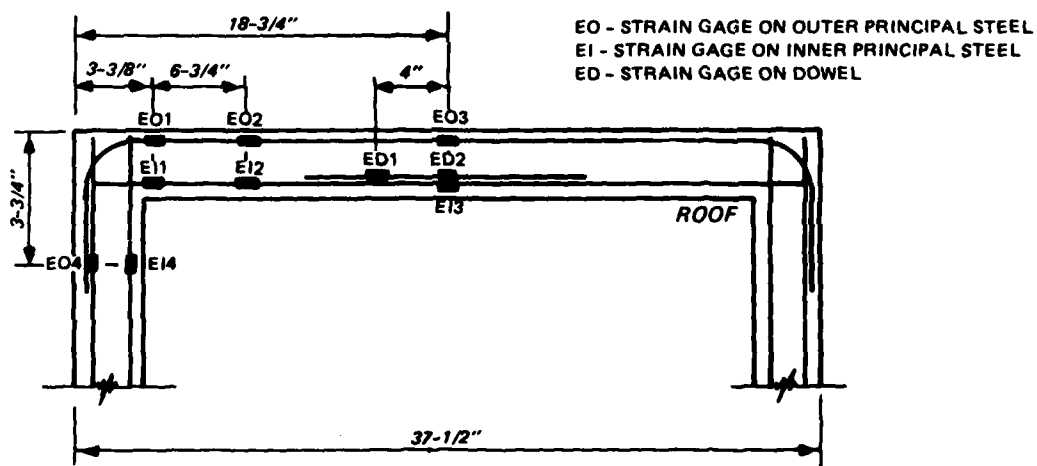


#### TEST CONFIGURATION

Figure 14. Test configuration.



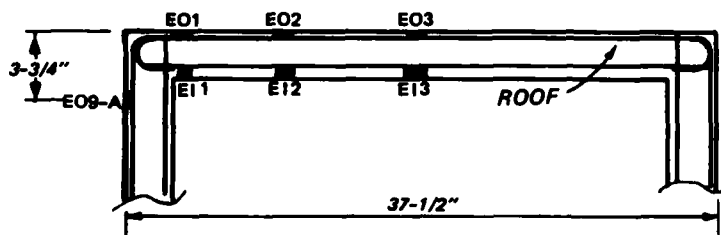
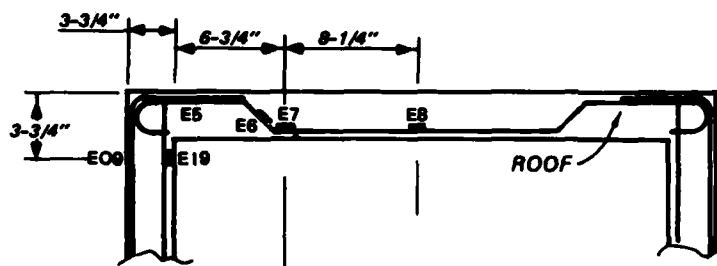
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b. JD3 STRAIN - GAGE LOCATIONS

Figure 15. Strain gage locations for JD1 and JD3.

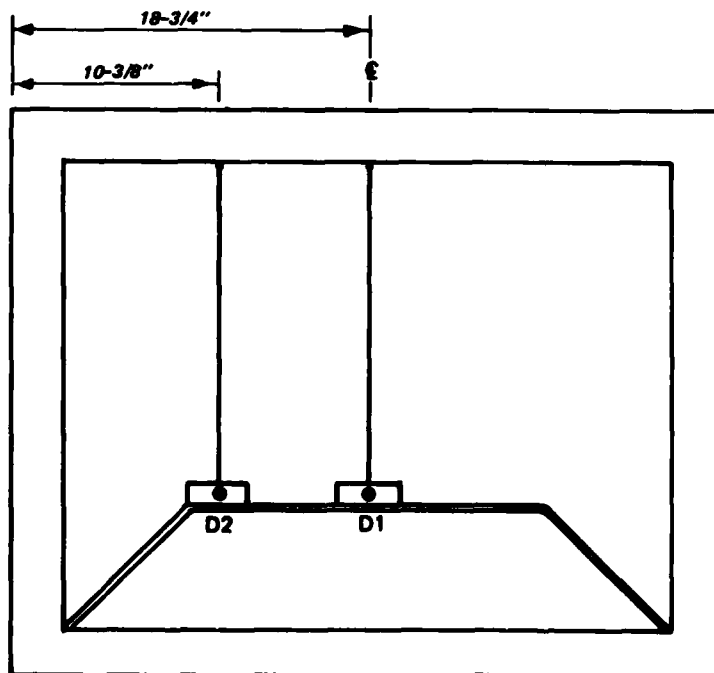




JD2 STRAIN GAGE LOCATIONS

**LEGEND**

- E - STRAIN GAGE ON BENT PRINCIPAL STEEL
- EO - STRAIN GAGE ON OUTER PRINCIPAL STEEL
- EI - STRAIN GAGE ON INNER PRINCIPAL STEEL



TYPICAL ROOF DEFLECTION GAGE LOCATIONS

Figure 16. Strain gage locations for JD2 and typical deflection gage locations.

## CHAPTER 3

### TEST RESULTS

#### 3.1 GENERAL

Test results are presented in this chapter and recovered data are presented in Appendix A. A general description of the data produced and of the structural performance of each model is presented herein. Further discussion and analyses are presented in Chapter 4. A recovered data summary for the three tests are presented in Table 3.

#### 3.2 LOAD-DEFLECTION BEHAVIOR

The flexural strength of a restrained slab is enhanced by compressive membrane forces, causing the ultimate capacity to be greater than that calculated using classical yield-line theory. Compressive membrane behavior of slabs is documented by Park and Gamble (1980) and Guice (1986a, 1986b). Figure 17 shows the load-deflection relationship for laterally restrained one-way slabs. As the load is increased from A to B, with the help of compressive membrane forces, the slab reaches its enhanced ultimate load at point B. With an increase in deformation past point B, the compressive membrane enhancement is reduced by a P- $\Delta$  effect until point C is reached. Normally point C corresponds to the yield-line capacity at a deflection that varies from the effective depth to the slab thickness for fixed-fixed slabs similar to these test models. Beyond point C, the tensile reinforcement acts as a catenary to carry the load with full depth cracking of the concrete at the mid-span region of the slab.

Ultimate resistances for JD1, JD2, and JD3 were 55, 38, and 63 psi, respectively. Deflection at ultimate resistance ranged from 0.55 to 0.75 inch with an average of 0.67 inch. The average ratio of deflection at ultimate resistance-to-slab thickness for the tests was 0.27.

Enhanced tensile membrane behavior was observed in Test JD2. The maximum pressure in the tensile membrane region was 34 psi. The test was stopped at incipient collapse so that the roof failure mechanism could be observed. End-of-test pressures for Test JD1 and Test JD3 were 36 and 39 psi, respectively.

No tensile membrane enhancement in slab resistance was noted for tests JD1 and JD3. Test JD1 was stopped because of large deflections to the roof slab. The neoprene membrane was ruptured in Test JD3, thus, the sudden decrease in pressure.

Experimental pressure versus deflection at ultimate resistance and at maximum resistance in the tensile membrane region for the tests are given in Table 4.

### 3.3 STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

The structural models were uncovered and examined immediately after testing. In all three cases, the roofs cracked at the supports and at mid-span on the top surface and at mid-span on the bottom surface. A careful examination of the models after each test provided significant information about overall response. Crack patterns and failures of steel reinforcement were the most significant characteristics that were observed. All visible cracks in the slabs were highlighted with markers. Records were kept of the widths and depths of the crack bands at mid-span in the tension and compression zones, at the supports in the tension zones, and in the wall supports in the tension zones.

Maximum permanent roof mid-span deflection for Test JD1 was 5-1/8 inches, exposing reinforcing at mid-span and at the supports. Cracks at mid-span and at the roof supports ranged in depth from 1/4-inch to the thickness of the roof. Although the band of cracking at mid-span was primarily narrow on the top of the roof slab, the bottom surface revealed additional hairline cracks across the roof span. Wall cracks occurred near the top of both supports and exposed a large percentage of principal reinforcement from the roof-wall connection. See Figures 18 through 21 for posttest photographs of Test JD1.

Test JD2 resulted in a permanent mid-span roof deflection of 5-1/2 inches. Significant cracking occurred at mid-span and at the supports. The crack at mid-span was the depth of the roof across the entire structure. All roof reinforcing at mid-span was exposed and all bottom mid-span bars were broken, except one. Although the mid-span crack was much more extensive than that of Test 1, there were fewer hairline cracks across the top and bottom surfaces of the roof. The width of the crack zone at mid-span

ranged from 2-1/2 to 11-1/2 inches on the top surface of the roof. Cracks ranging from 1/2- to 1-1/2-inches deep occurred at the supports. Posttest photographs of Test JD2 are shown in Figures 22 through 25.

The response of the model in Test JD3 was very similar to the model in Test JD1. Permanent roof deflection was 5-1/4 inches. The supports were severely damaged as much cracking and exposure of reinforcement was observed. The mid-span crack zone was much more widespread across the top and bottom surfaces of the roof. Cracks occurred heavily at the top of the walls as well (See Figures 26 through 29). The roof-wall joints in tests JD1 and JD3 failed by diagonal splitting. The joints of test JD2 did not fail during the test.

Table 3. Data Summary for Joint Detail Tests.

<u>Gage</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Test JD1</u>	<u>Test JD2</u>	<u>Test JD3</u>
Soil Stress	SE-1			
	SE-2			
Strain	EO-1	+		
	EO-1S	*	*	
	EI-1			
	EI-1S	*	*	
	EO-2			
	EI-2			
	EO-3			
	EO-3S		*	*
	EI-3			
	EI-3S		*	
	EO-4		*	
	EI-4		*	
	EO-9	*		*
	EO-9A	*		*
	EI-9	*		*
	EI-9A	*		*
	ED-1	+	*	
	ED-2		*	
	E-5	*	+	*
	E-5A	*		*
	E-6	*		*
	E-6A	*		*
	E-7	*		*
	E-7A	*		*
	E-8	*		*
	E-8A	*		*
Deflection	D-1			
	D-2			

Notes:

1. \* = gage not used
2. + = gage failed during test
3. For Test JD3, the following pairs of records are believed to be reversed: EO-1, EI-1, EO-3, EI-3, EO-4, EI-4.
4. Gage locations ending in an "S" are redundant measurements.

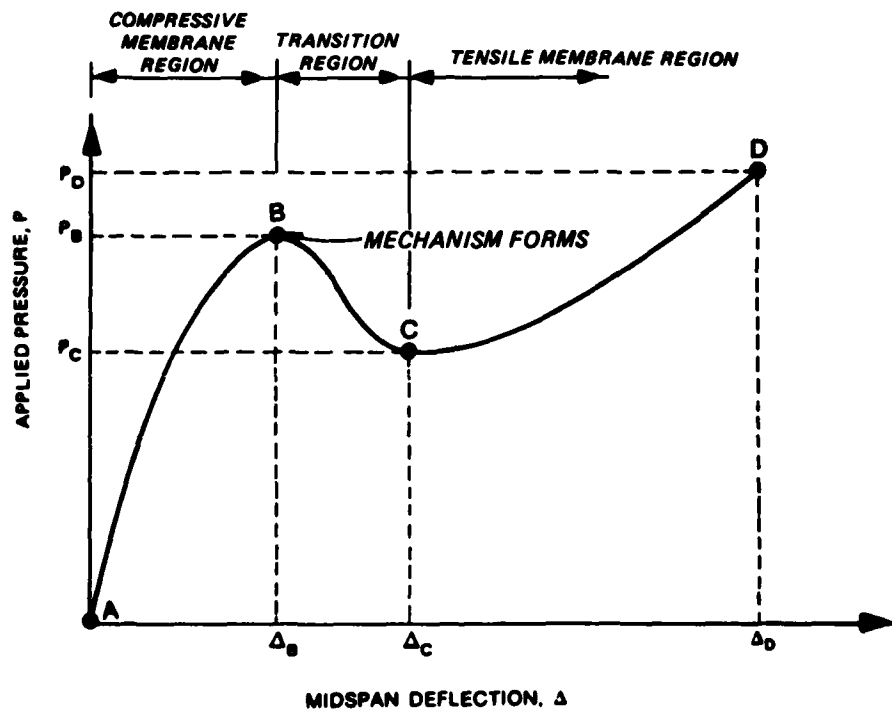


Figure 17. Load-deflection relationship for a one-way slab with restrained ends.

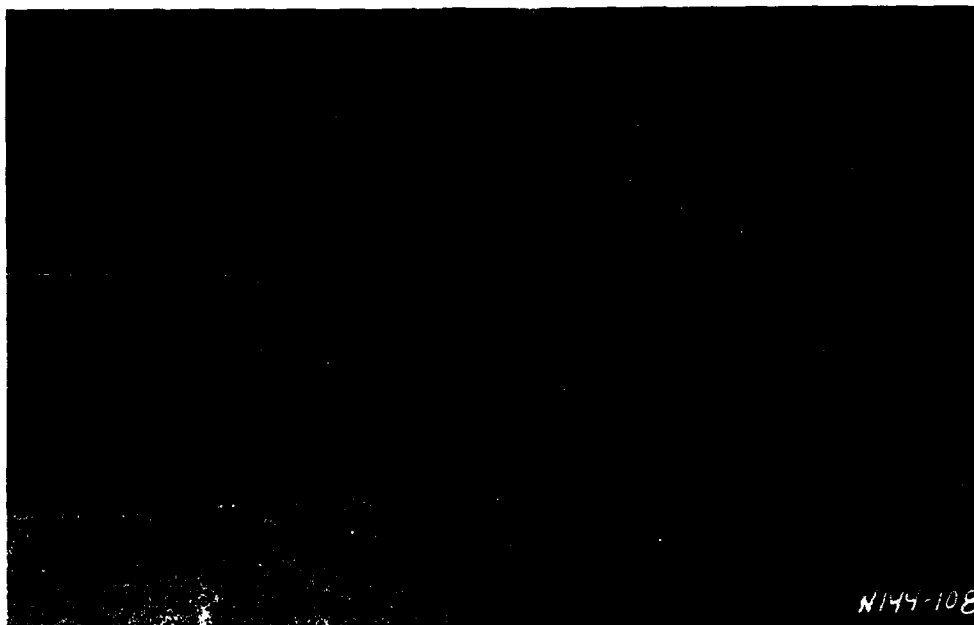


Figure 18. Posttest view of the roof surface of JD1.

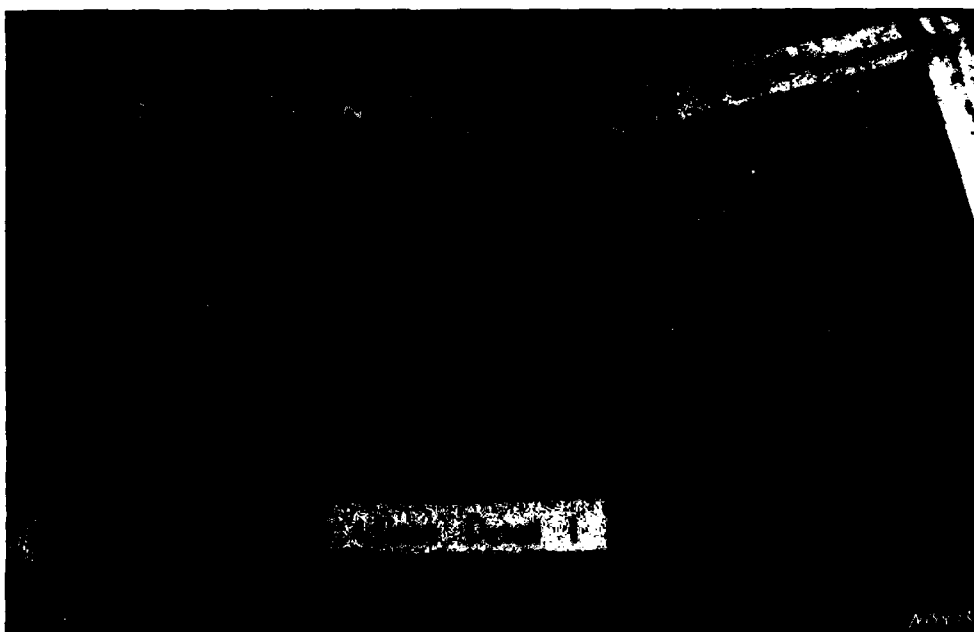


Figure 19. Posttest view of the bottom of the roof slab of JD1.

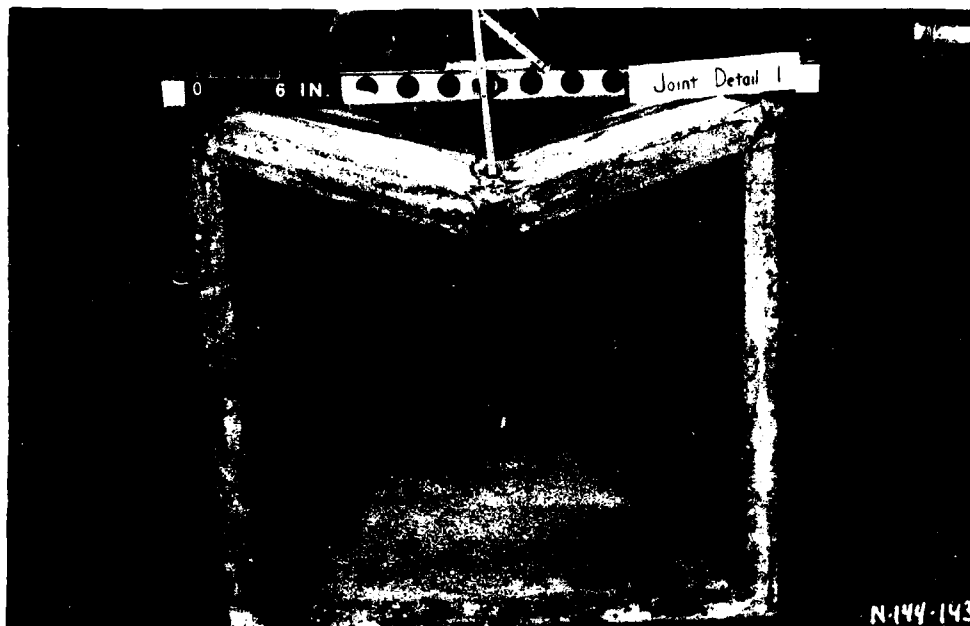


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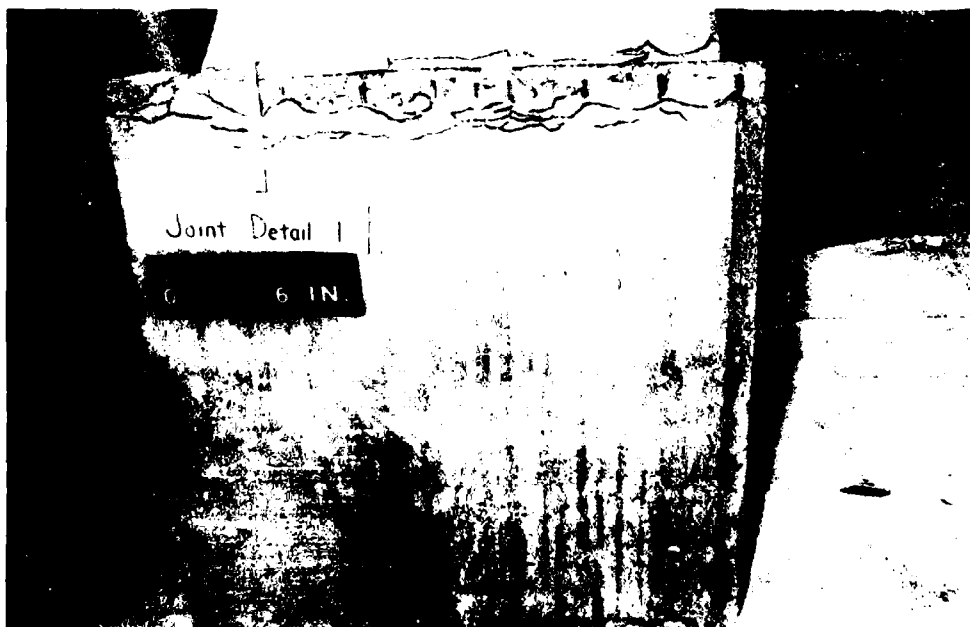


Figure 21. Posttest side view of JD1.



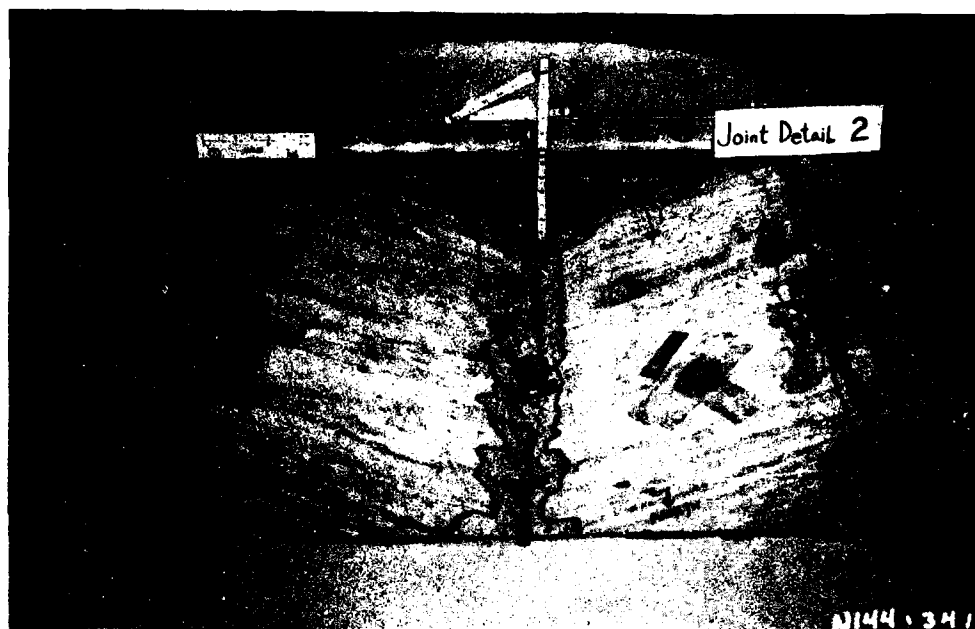


Figure 22. Posttest view of the roof surface of JD2.

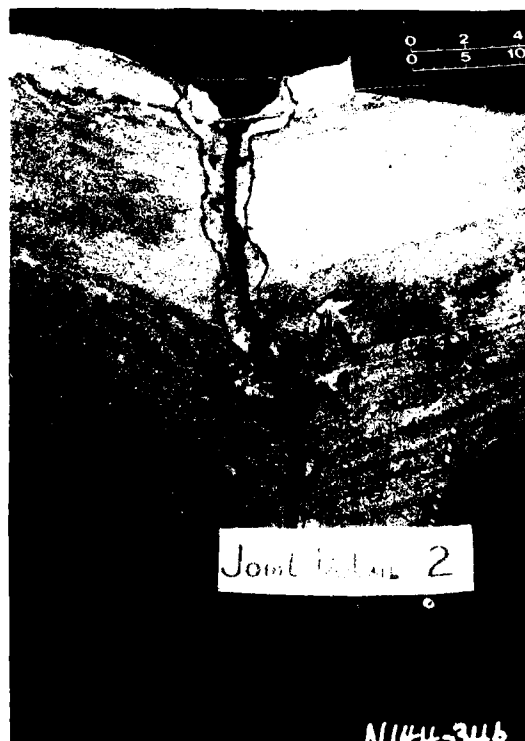


Figure 23. Posttest view of the bottom of the roof slab of JD2.

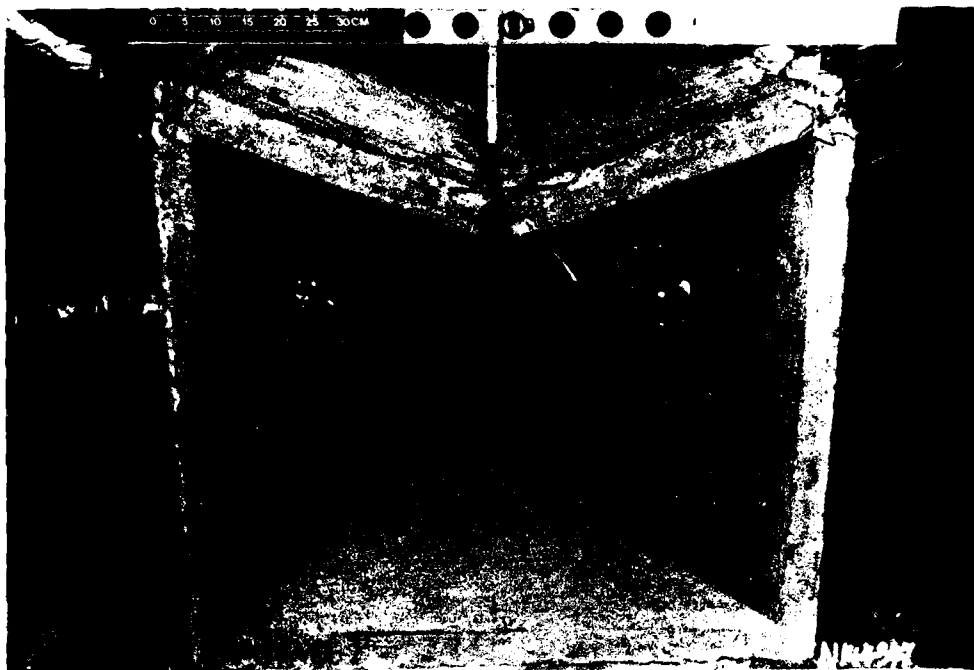


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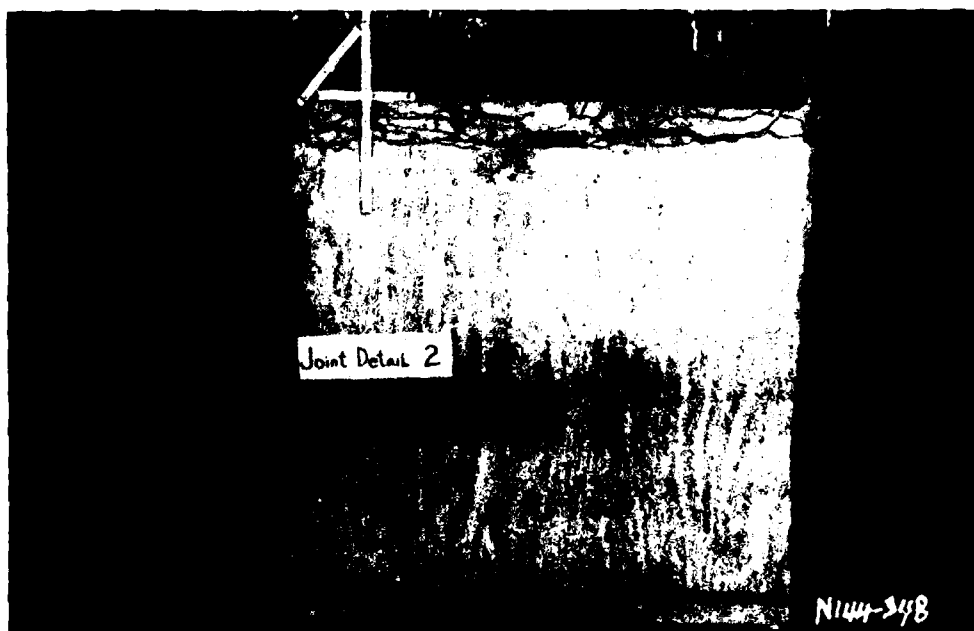


Figure 25. Posttest side view of JD2.

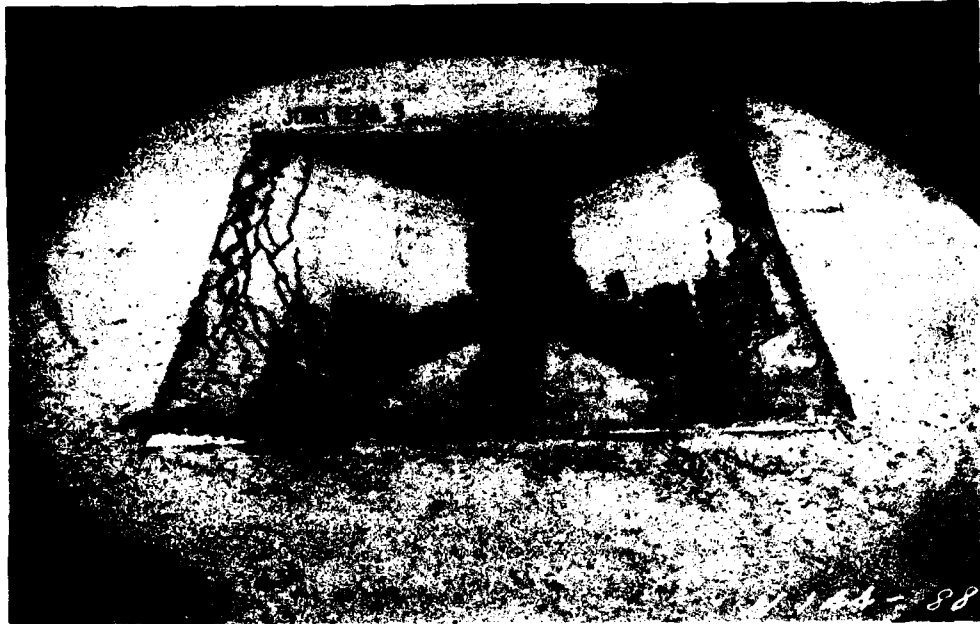


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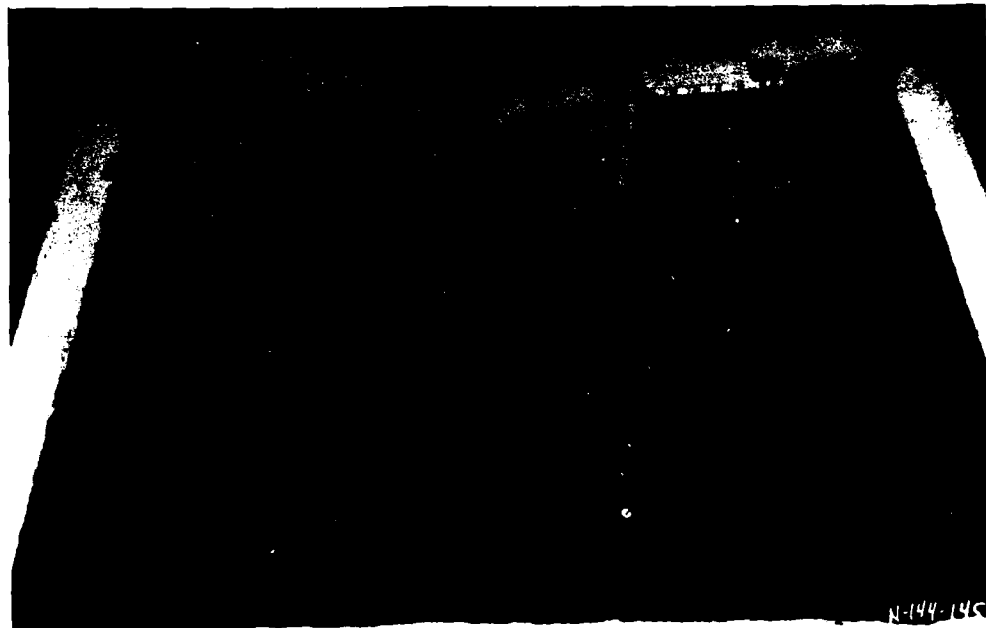


Figure 27. Posttest view of the bottom of the roof slab of JD3.

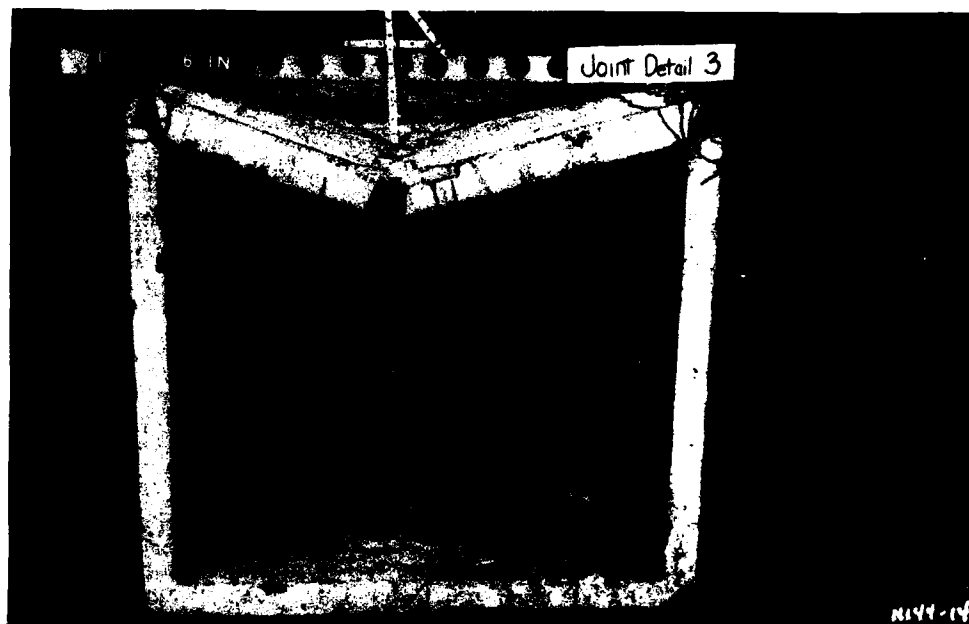


Figure 28. Posttest end view of JD3.

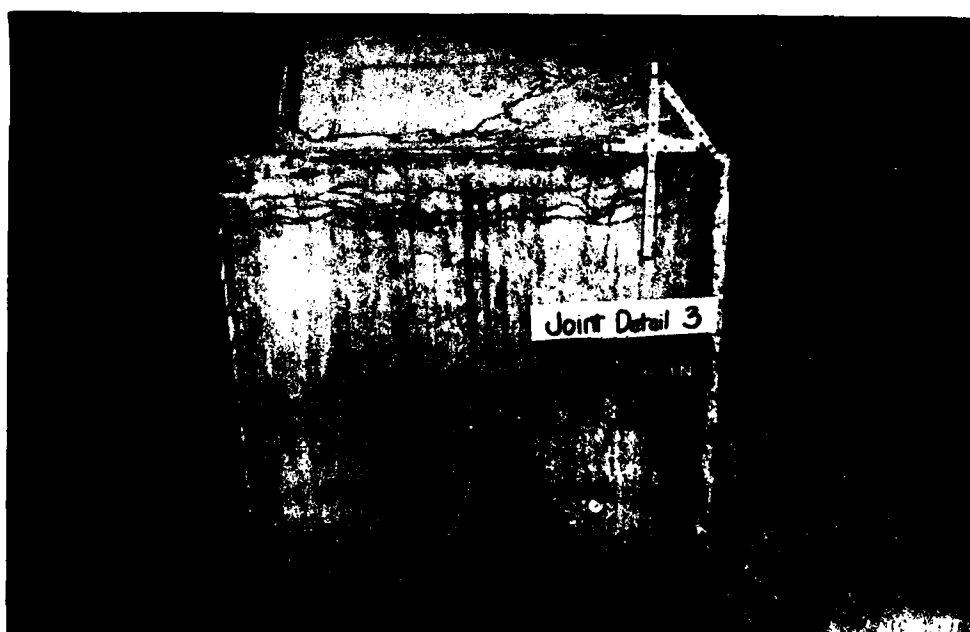


Figure 29. Posttest side view of JD3.

## CHAPTER 4

### ANALYSIS

#### 4.1 STRAIN GAGE DATA

In test JD1, the tensile bars at mid-span yielded at a water pressure of 43 psi, while top reinforcing yielded during compressive membrane decay at 54 psi. Dowels at mid-span yielded at 25 psi. The strain gage in the tension zone at the support failed, but the yield lines that were formed indicated yielding in the tensile bars. From observation of wall reinforcing strain gage data (EO-4 and EI-4), the tensile steel yielded after the structure reached its ultimate compressive membrane capacity, indicating that the mid-span yielded first.

Strain gage data in Test JD2 indicated that the straight tensile steel at supports yielded at a water pressure of 37 psi. Bent tensile bars at supports yielded at 15 psi, indicating that the first hinge was formed there. The bent tensile bars yielded at approximately 35 psi at quarter span and at mid-span. Straight tensile bars yielded just prior to ultimate capacity at mid-span, but did not yield at quarter-span. The dowels that were placed at bent bar locations in the wall did not yield. However, the tensile bars in the wall at the support that were placed at straight bar locations yielded approximately at ultimate capacity. The high tensile reinforcement ratio and the use of truss bars did allow the roof to respond with tensile membrane behavior, even though the plastic hinge at the mid-span was concentrated in a narrow band. Yield lines were formed at the faces of the supports rather than through the roof-wall connections as in the model in Tests JD1 and JD3.

Test JD3 indicated that the principal tensile steel at mid-span yielded after ultimate capacity at a water pressure of approximately 62 psi. The mid-span dowels began yielding first at about 44 psi. Top reinforcing bars at mid-span yielded in compression just prior to ultimate capacity. The yield lines at the supports indicated that the straight tensile steel yielded although strain gages did not reflect this. Tensile bars at quarter-span also yielded but at a much larger deflection. Wall tensile steel near the roof-wall connection also showed no sign of yielding until after ultimate capacity was reached.

The structural models were loaded to ultimate capacity and in all cases concrete crushing and yielding of reinforcing steel existed. Since the effective depth of JD2 was smaller than that of JD1 and JD3, the ultimate capacity was considerably lower. However, the principal steel configuration used in JD2 allowed enhanced tensile membrane resistance to occur allowing this model to sustain large deflections with a very ductile response mode.

#### 4.2 JOINT BEHAVIOR AND RELATED EFFECTS

The major difference between JD1 and JD3 was the hook detail that was used at the end of the principal steel in the roof. All other parameters were the same for the two models. The higher ultimate resistance of JD1 was not considered as significant (55 psi for JD1 versus 68 psi for JD2), and was partially due to the use of 180-degree hooks at the ends of the principal steel. The hooks that were used for model JD3 were 90-degree hooks. Both models were loaded to large deflections, yet neither offered any increase in resistance beyond ultimate capacity in the tensile membrane region. The roof-wall connections failed in both cases through the potential splitting zone. According to Park and Pauley (1975), the limiting flexural steel content for a knee joint subjected to a closing should be:

$$\rho = \frac{f'_t}{f_y}, \text{ where } f'_t = 6\sqrt{f'_c}$$

where

$f_y$  = tensile yield strength of steel

$f'_c$  = compressive strength of concrete

For values higher than this, a brittle splitting failure can occur causing the ultimate capacity to be reduced. The actual tensile steel content at the supports for JD1 and JD3 was 0.0126. The theoretical maximum value for the two models were 0.0051 and 0.0048, respectively, based on actual concrete and tensile steel strengths. This indicates that the full strength of the roof slab could not be obtained due to premature joint failure and explains why the joints failed diagonally through the roof-wall connection.

There were significant differences in the load-deflection behavior of the roof slabs and the roof-wall connection performance in these three tests. The roof-wall connections in Test JD1 and Test JD3 failed diagonally through the joint rather than at the interior face of the wall (as in JD2) due to the applied closing load. Models JD1 and JD3 failed in a three-hinge mechanism with cracking at the supports and additional cracking around the unsupported edges and throughout the tension zones. Few top reinforcing bars were broken at the supports or mid-span, though many of the bars were exposed by the cracks that were formed. The rotation of the slab at the supports due to the splitting of the joint (loss of rotational restraint) allowed the roof to deflect with a reduced plastic rotation of the mid-span hinge. This allowed spreading of the plastic hinge as evidenced by the wider band of mid-span cracking observed in these tests. The use of stirrups in these tests probably aided in the spreading of mid-span cracking due to concrete core confinement and load transfer between the top and bottom principal reinforcement.

The JD2 model contained no stirrups in the roof and had larger reinforcement spacing. The yielding of the roof-wall connections was primarily at the roof-wall interface rather than through the joint resulting in lower rotations allowed at small displacements. Plastic rotations of the mid-span hinge was concentrated in a narrow zone, as a result. Model JD2 failed in a classic three-hinge mechanism, with almost all of the tensile reinforcing broken at mid-span and almost no cracking between hinges. There was a large gap at mid-span where the concrete separated as the reinforcement failed in tension. Much of the tensile reinforcing was broken at the supports as well.

#### 4.3 COMPARISON OF JOINT DETAIL MODELS WITH STRUCTURAL ELEMENT S3

Six structural elements were tested statically in support of the Keyworker Blast Shelter Program by Slawson, et al, (1985). One type of element tested (S3) was similar to the joint detail models and was tested in a similar configuration with no sand cover (surface flush). The original joint details for the Keyworker shelter were used as the roof-wall connection for this element. The load-deflection behavior of element S3 was indicative of the response of the original design and thus is included for comparison with the

modified original design (JD1 and JD3) and the proposed design (JD2). The actual day-of-test concrete strength for S3 was 5210 psi and the average tensile strength for the reinforcing steel for the tests was 68.5 ksi.

Element S3 reached an ultimate capacity of 44 psi and the test resulted in a permanent mid-span deflection of 4.5 inches. The pressure at point D (end of tensile membrane region) was 21 psi. No tensile membrane capacity enhancement was observed in this test. A comparison of the load-deflection curves for the joint detail tests and test S3 is presented in Figure 30. Although premature joint failure occurred in JD1 and JD3 the overall performance of the roof slabs was similar to Test S3. The ultimate capacities of models JD1 and JD3 were 35 and 20 percent greater, respectively, than that of model S3 due to the additional tension zone reinforcement provided by dowels. Test JD2 did result in enhanced tensile membrane behavior as shown.



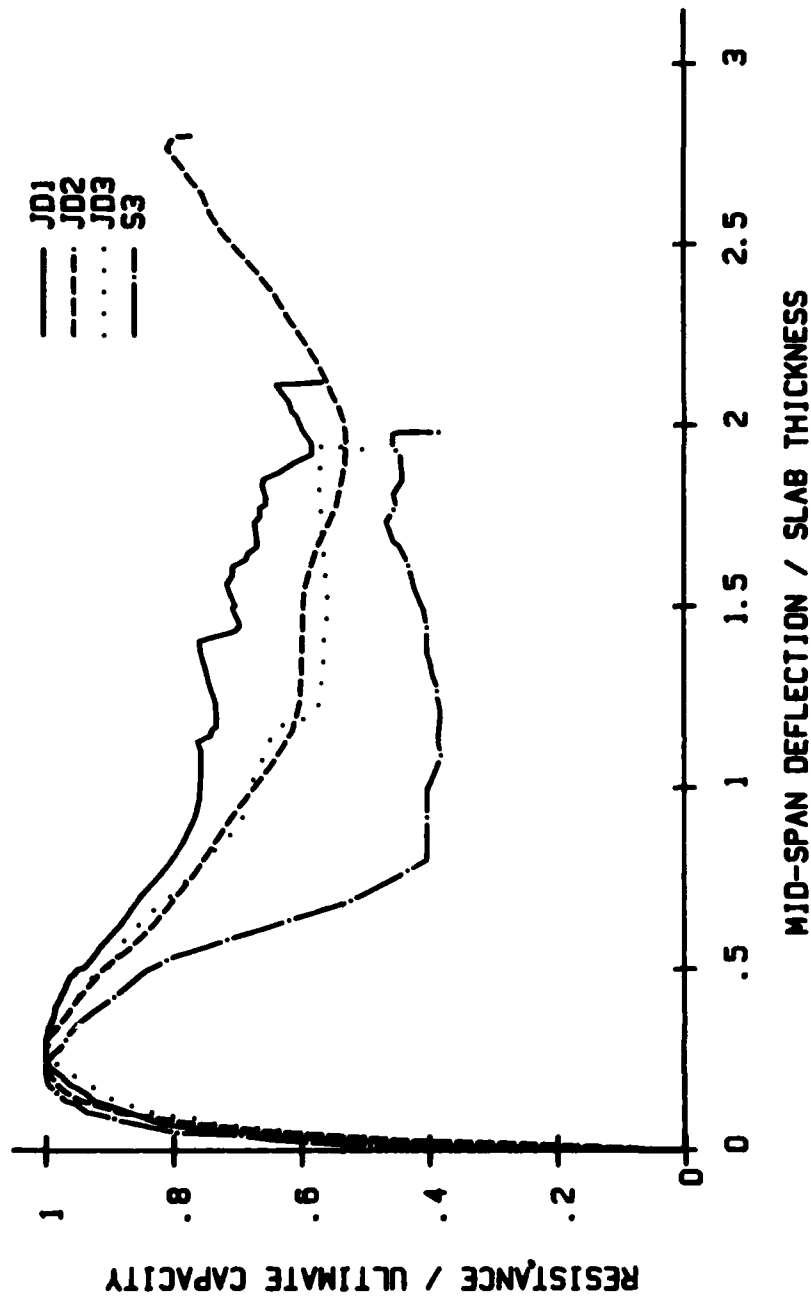


Figure 30. Comparison of load-deflection behavior.

## CHAPTER 5

### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 5.1 CONCLUSIONS

The "original" Keyworker blast shelter reinforcement details (test S3 from Slawson et al., 1985) have been modified to enhance large deformation behavior and reduce construction costs. The tests reported herein investigate design modifications that increase constructibility without degrading structural performance. In particular, the roof principal reinforcement extended 40 bar diameters down into the exterior shelter walls for development which prevented casting the walls without prior placement of the roof reinforcement. The original principal reinforcement detail was modified by the use of 180 (JD1) and 90 (JD3) degree hooks in the roof-wall joint and by the use of dowels and bearing bars. These details performed adequately, but the large deformation behavior of the roof slab was not enhanced. Test JD2 was performed to evaluate the use of 180 degree hooks in conjunction with truss bars for tensile reinforcement to enhance large deformation capacity. The results of test JD2 indicated that enhanced large deformation behavior could be obtained and that constructibility could be improved.

The joint detail used in test JD2 has been incorporated in the shelter design and validated by dynamic tests (Slawson, Garner, and Woodson, 1985; Woodson and Slawson, 1986; and Slawson, 1987).

Tests performed by Guice (1986a, 1986b) show that enhanced tensile membrane behavior can be obtained by using steel ratios of 0.01 in each face. This is an increase of 4 percent as compared with element JD2, but the use of straight bars eases steel placement during construction. The retest of the prototype shelter (Slawson, 1987) resulted in large shear deformations of the roof slab at the exterior and interior walls. This indicates that the use of shear reinforcement may be required near the walls. The current design as tested by Slawson (1987) used truss bars for tensile reinforcement with no shear reinforcement. The shear failure problem is not a concern for the design loading conditions, but should be considered if large deformations are expected as in an overload case.

## 5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the results of these static tests and dynamic tests performed in companion Keyworker support programs, the joint details used in test JD2 should be used for the final shelter design.

Since the prototype shelter did suffer significant shear deformation in the overload retest, the use of shear stirrups in the shear failure zone (near the walls) should be considered. In addition, the use of 1 percent straight reinforcement in each slab face should be compared with the current use of truss and straight bars on a cost of materials and construction labor basis. The current design is cheaper based on cost of materials, but this may be outweighed by the cost of manufacturing and installing the truss bars.

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**APPENDIX A: RECOVERED DATA**

Complete data records obtained for the three tests are presented in this appendix. For gage locations refer to Chapter 2 of this report. Tensile strains are positive, and compressive strains are negative. Water pressure is referenced on the ordinate.

For Test JD3 the following pairs of records are believed to be reversed: EO-1, EI-1, EO-3, EI-3, EO-4, and EI-4.

Data plots labels are: J1 for test JD1, JD2 for test JD2, and J3 for test JD3.

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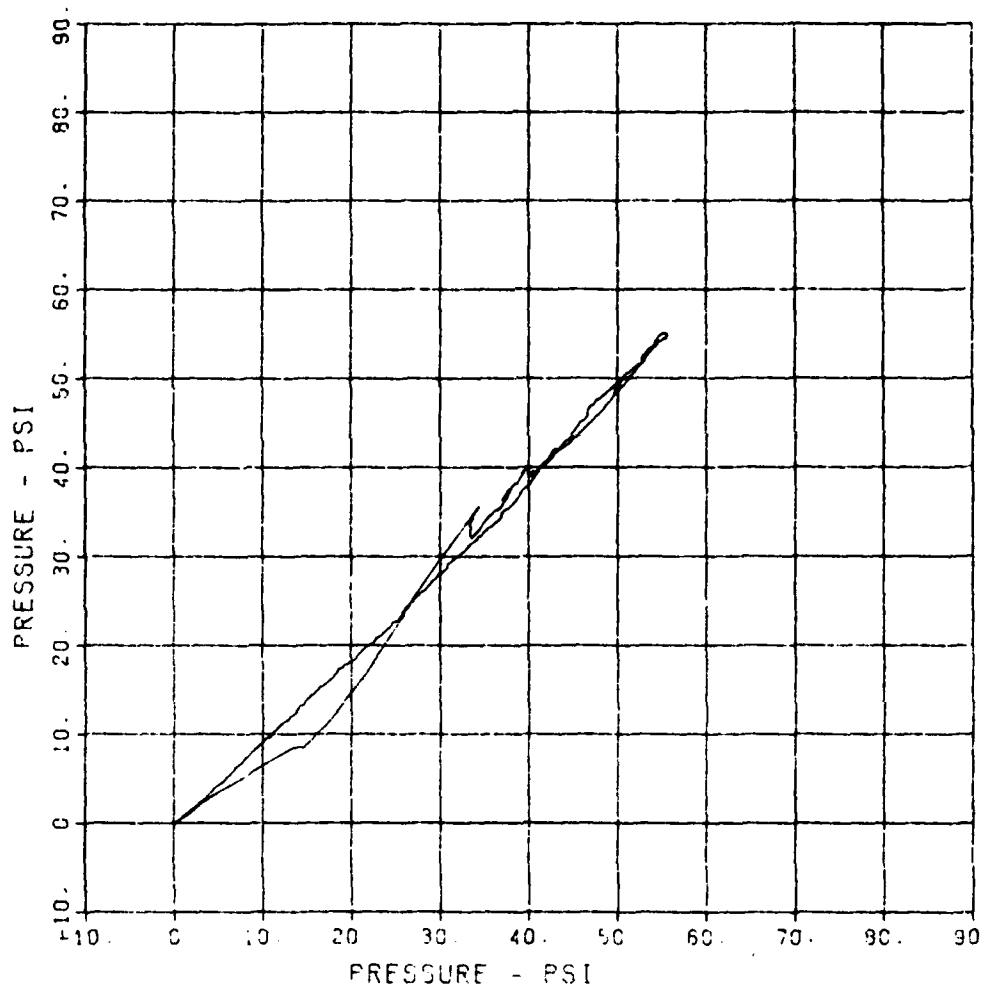
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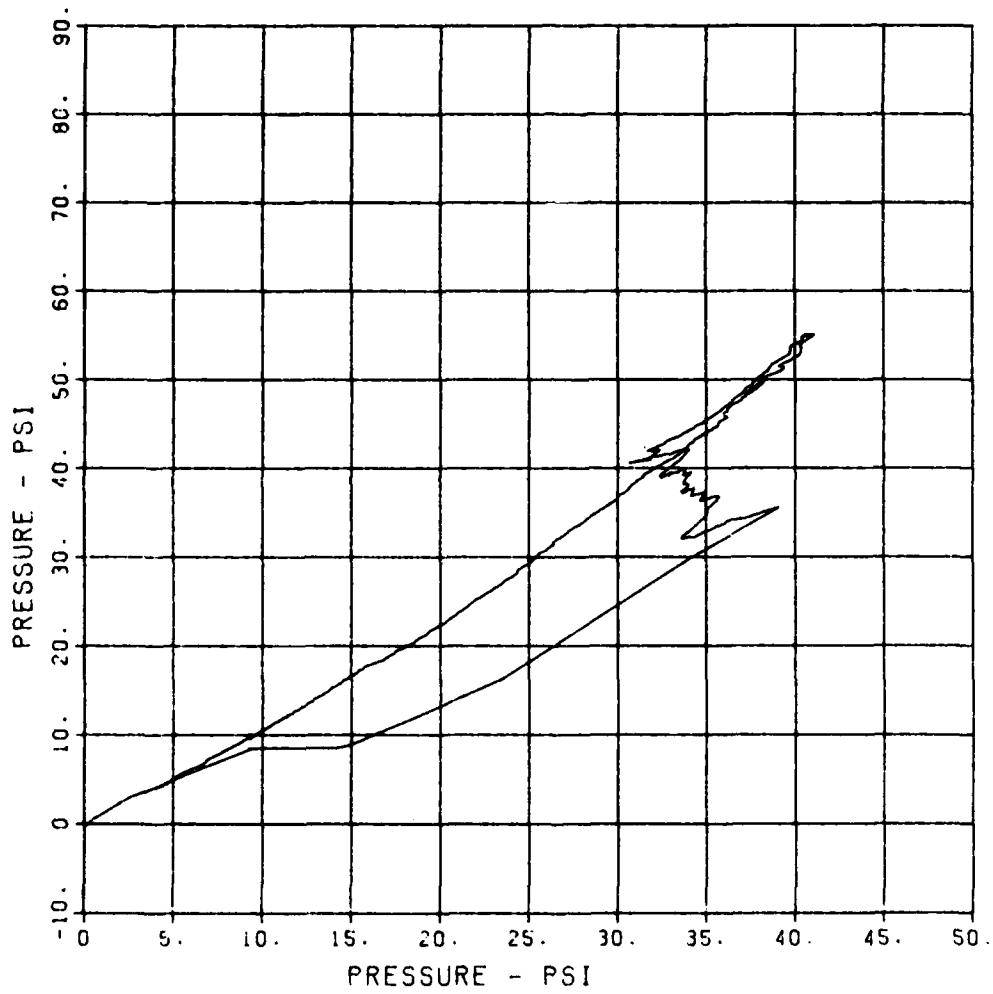
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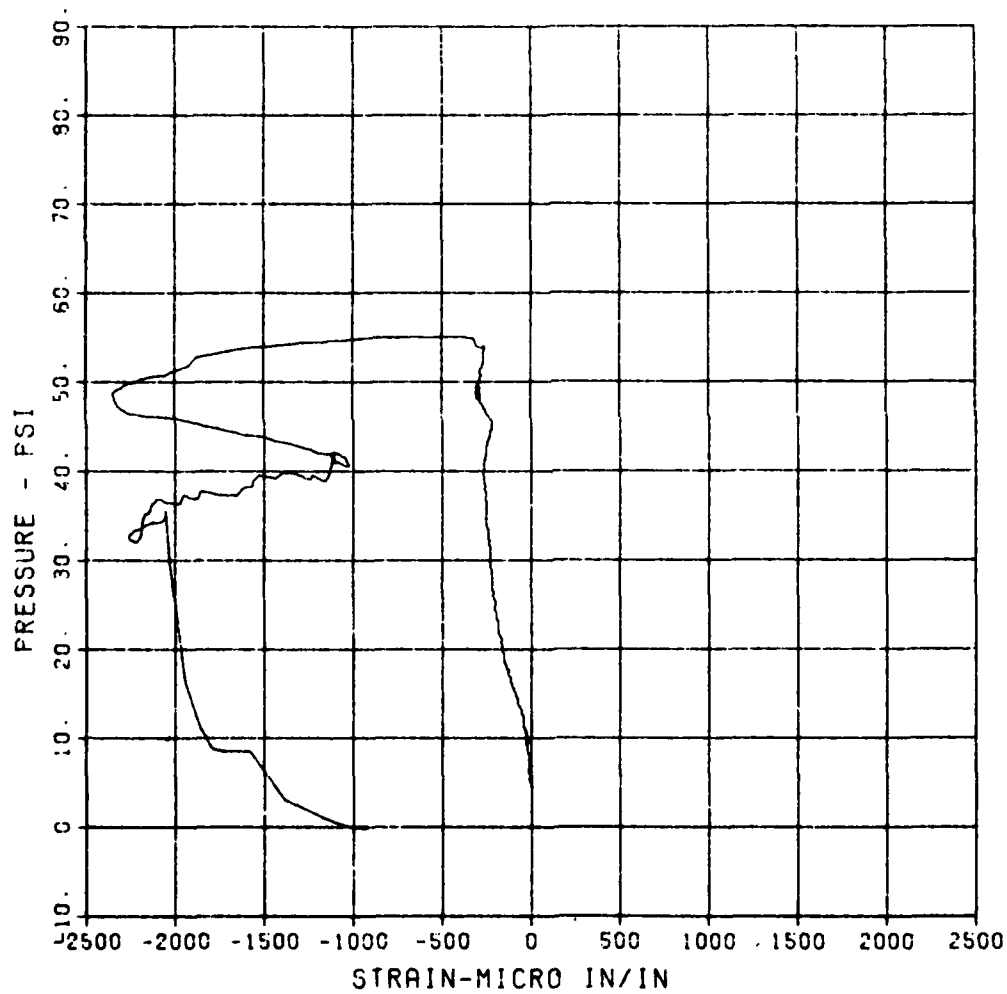
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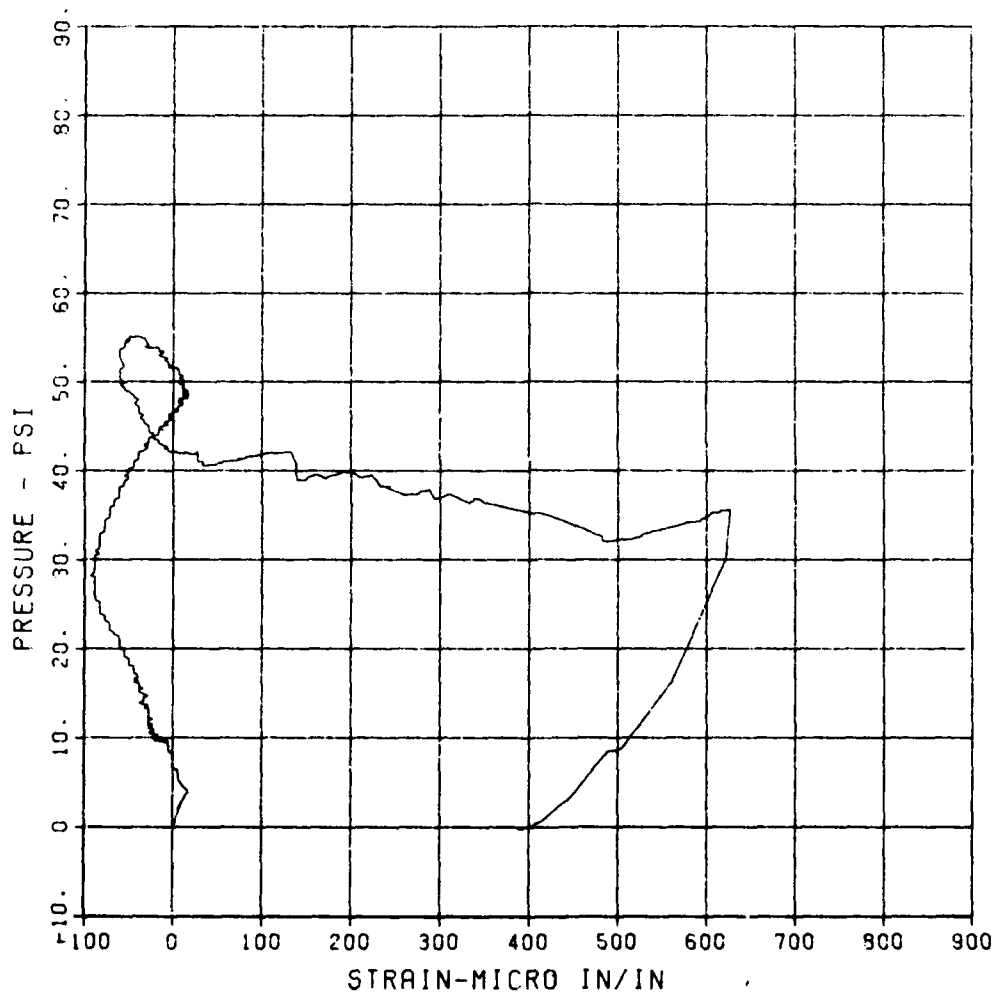
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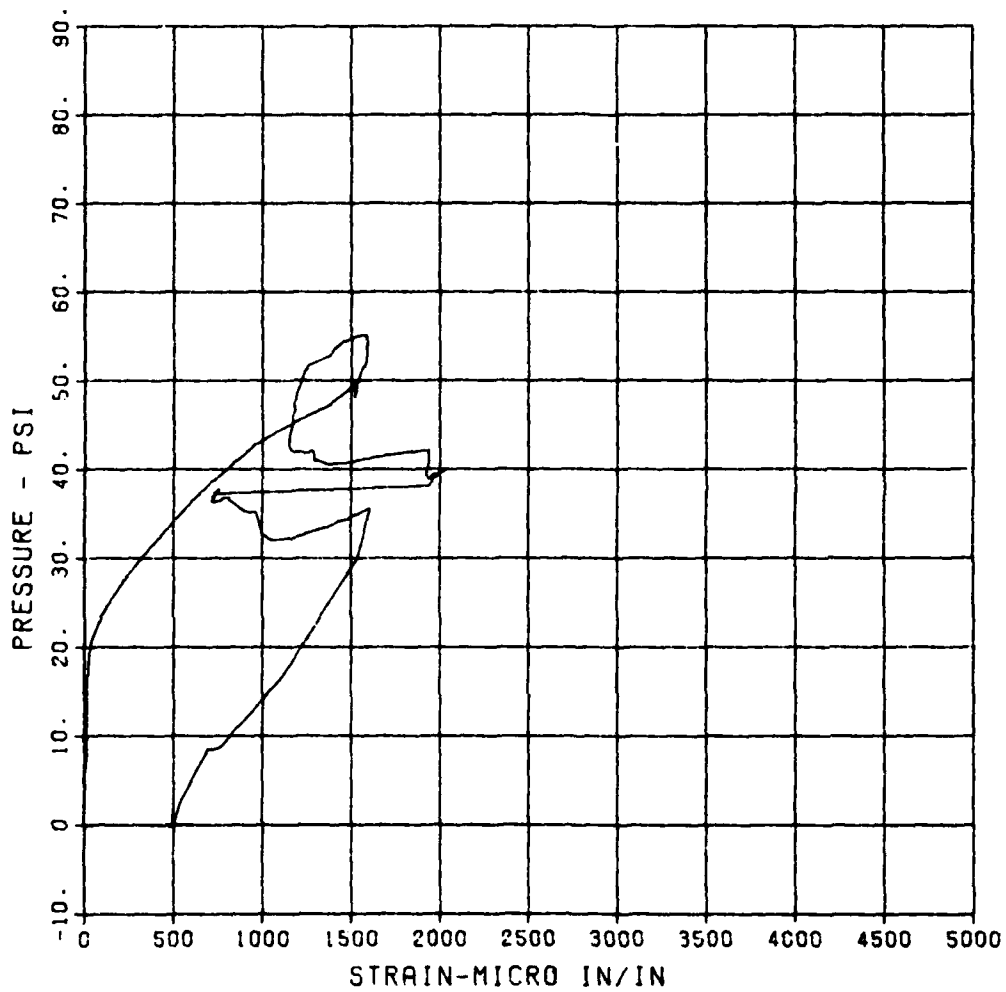
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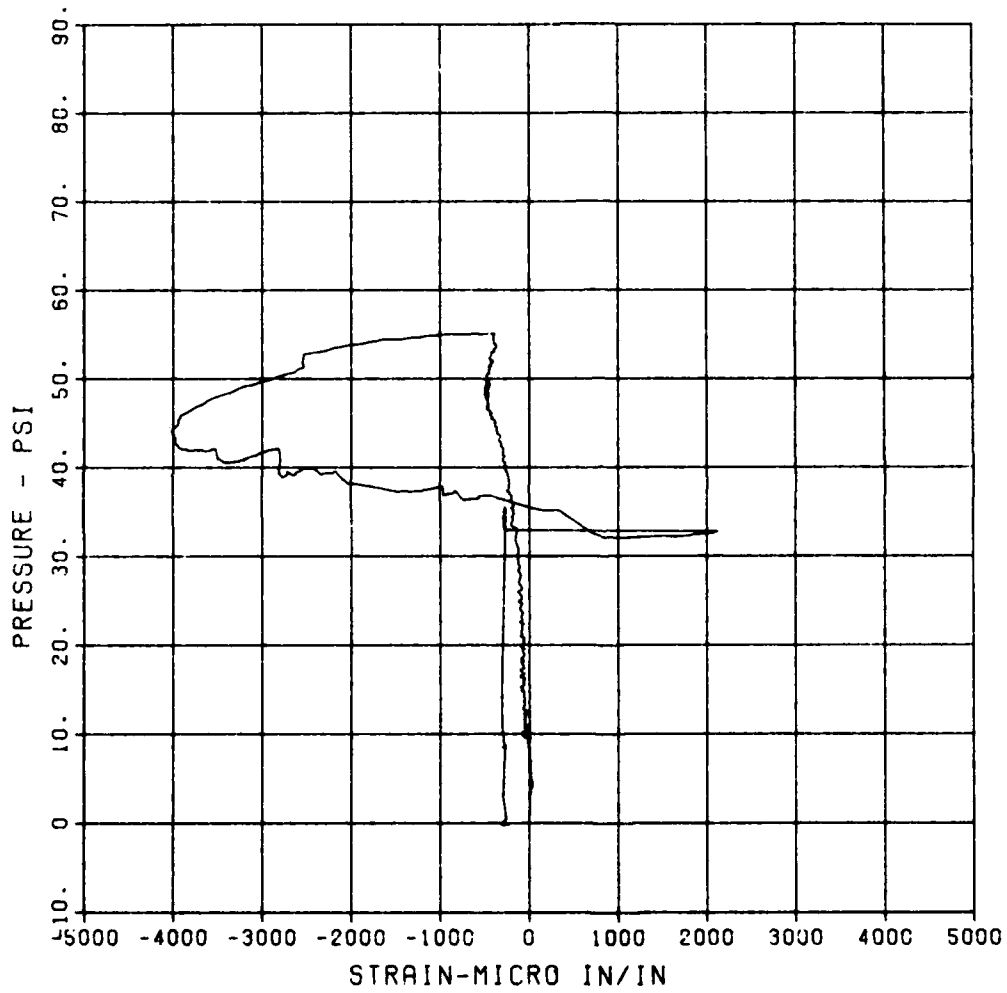
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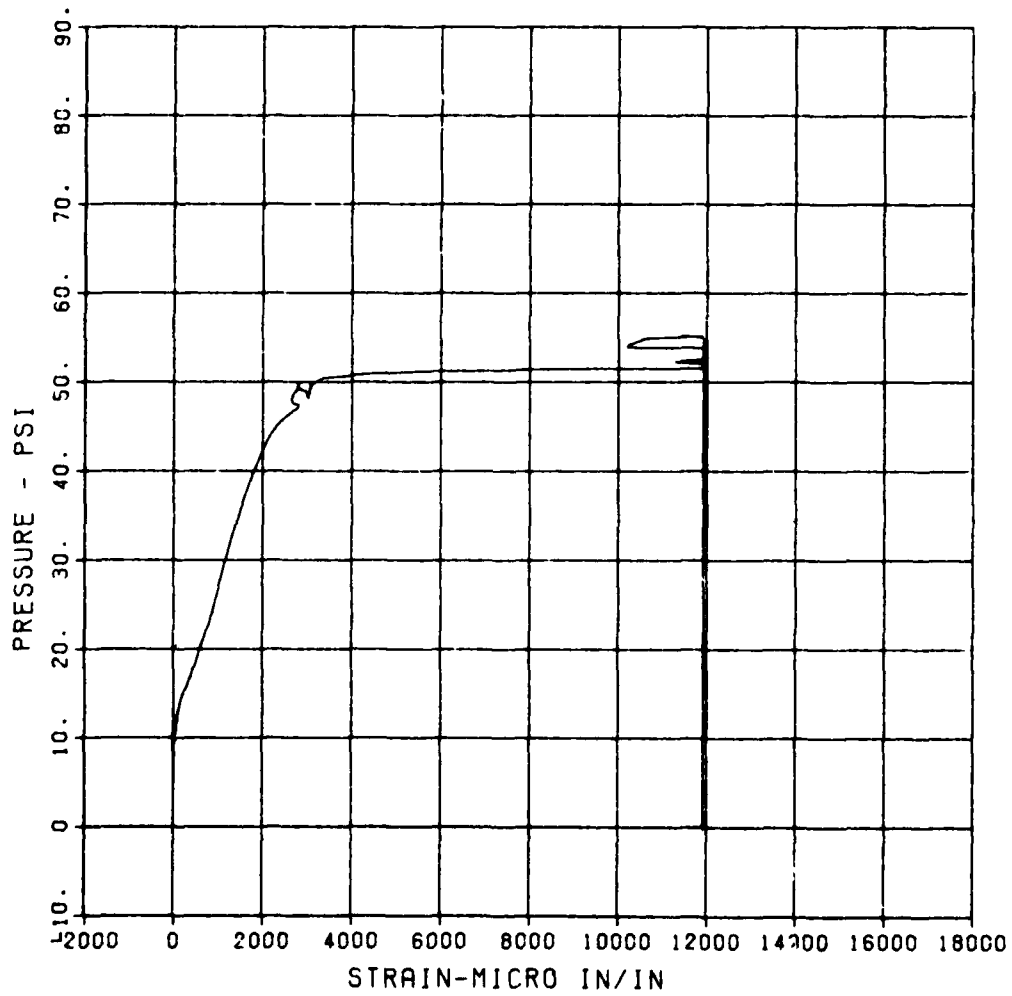
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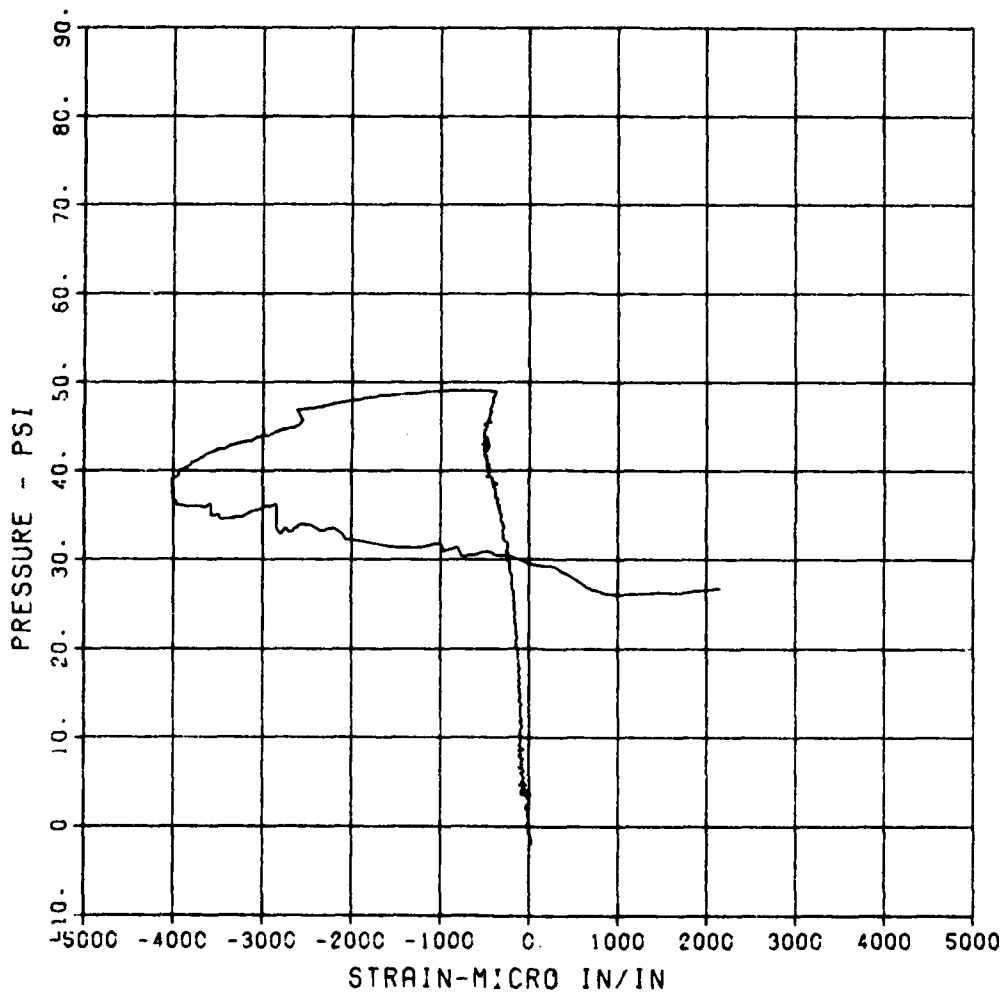
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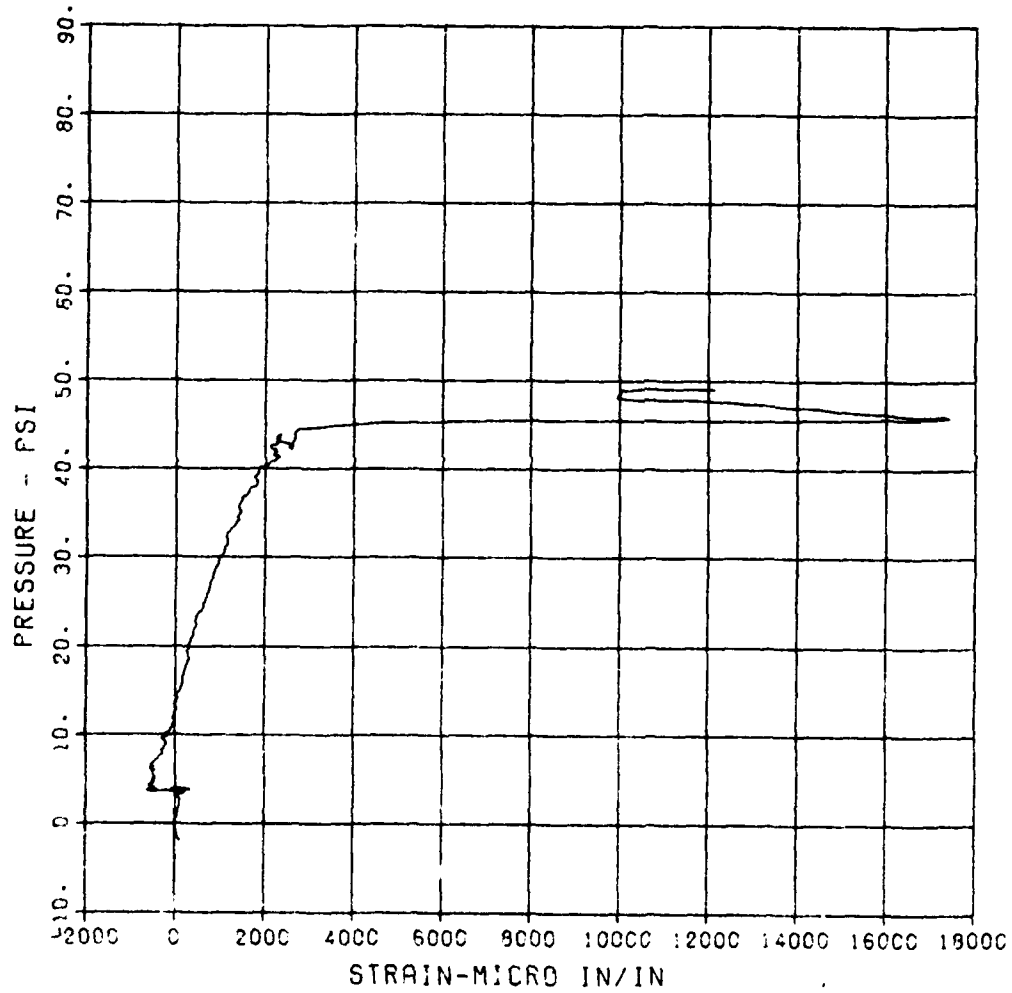
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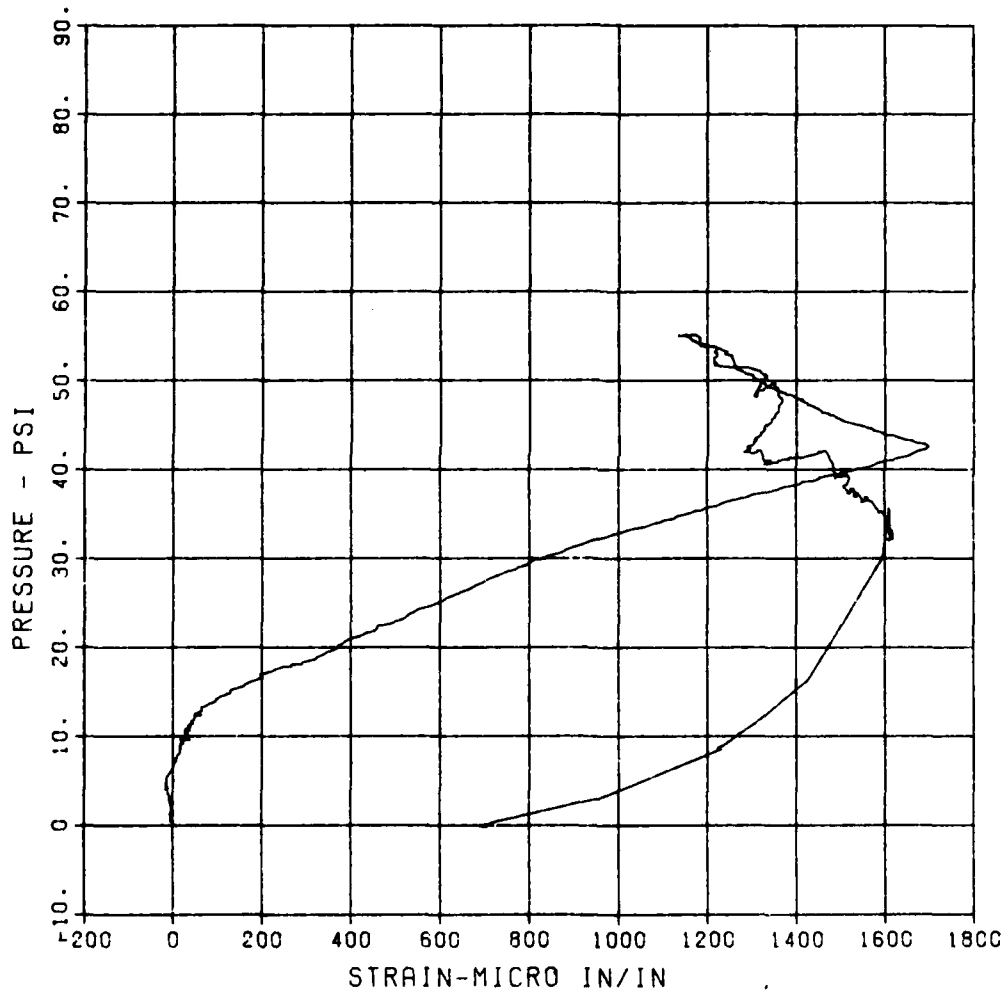
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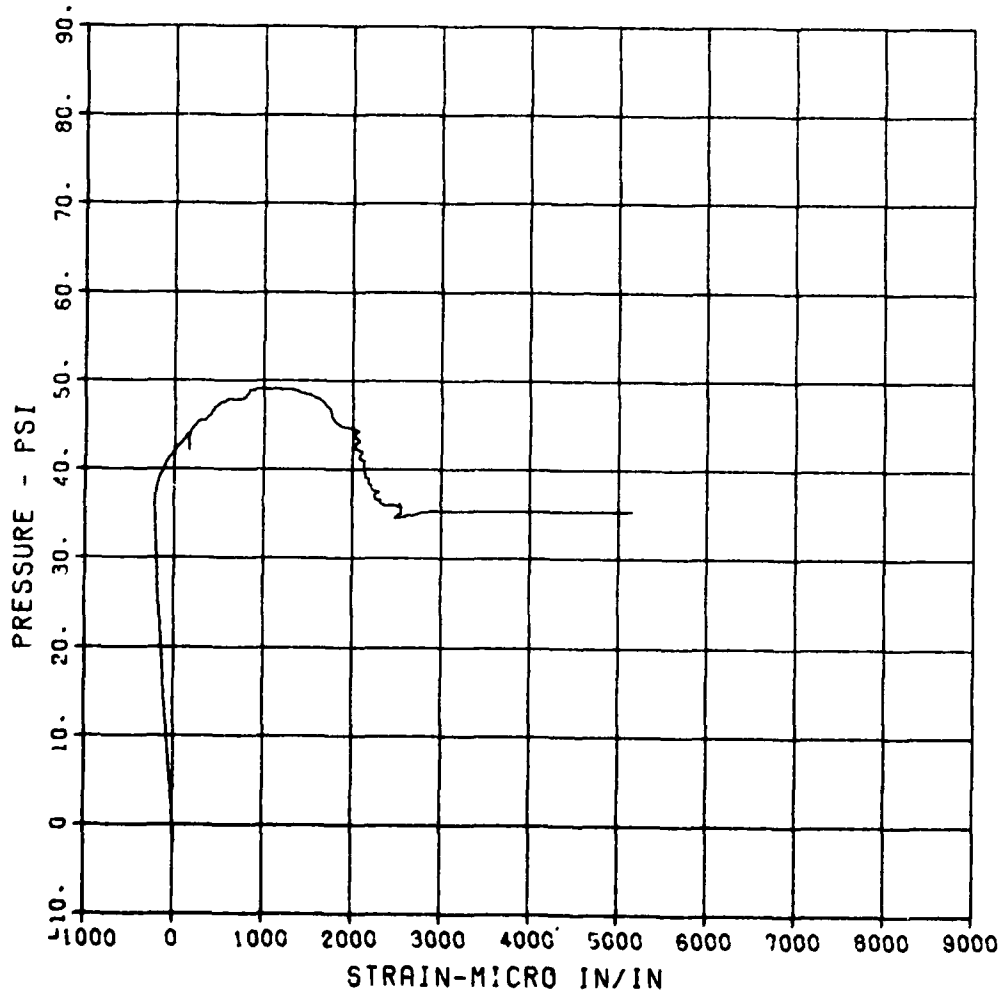
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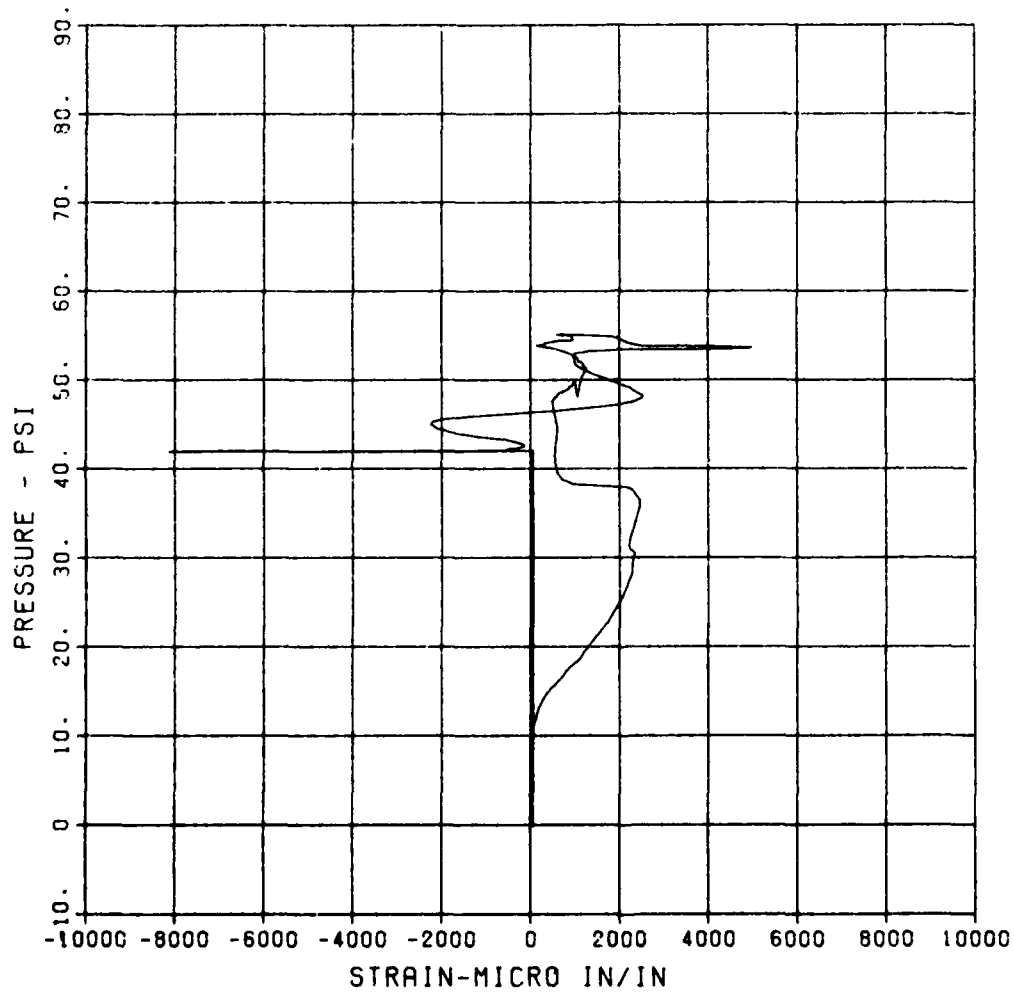
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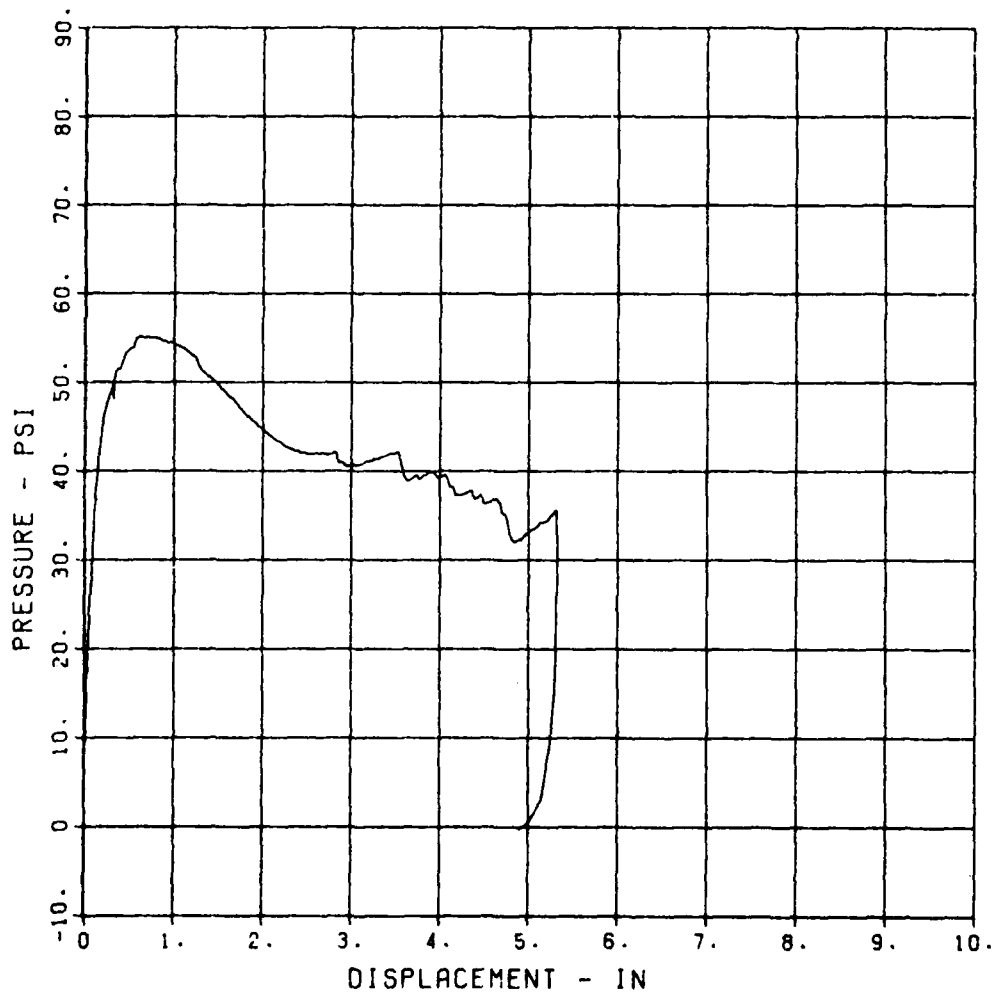
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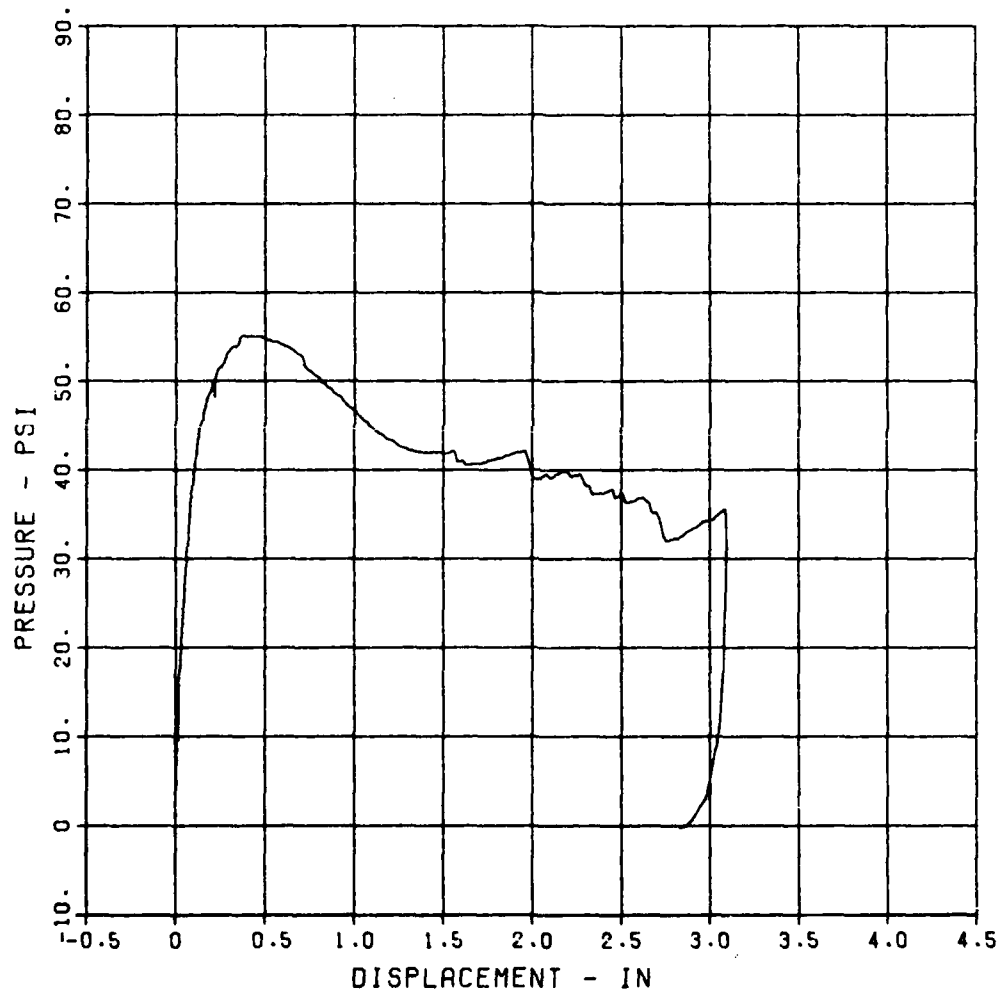
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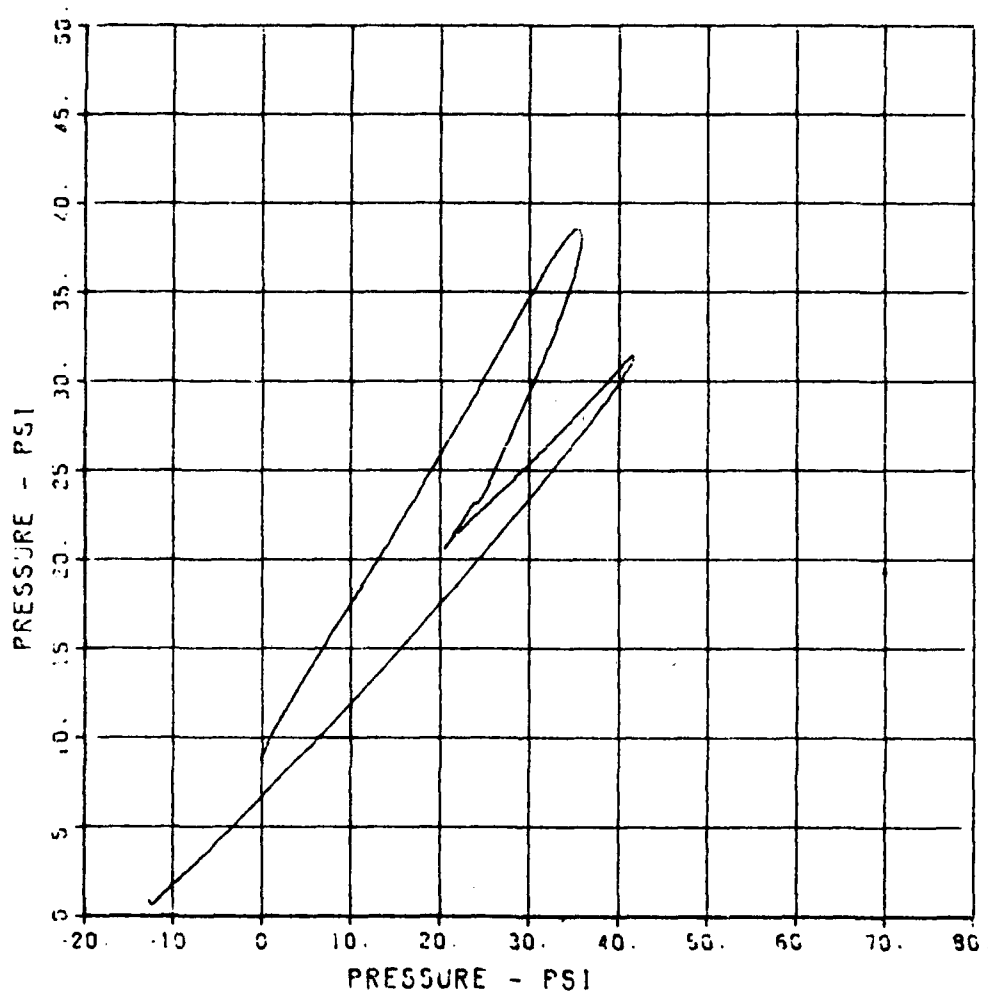
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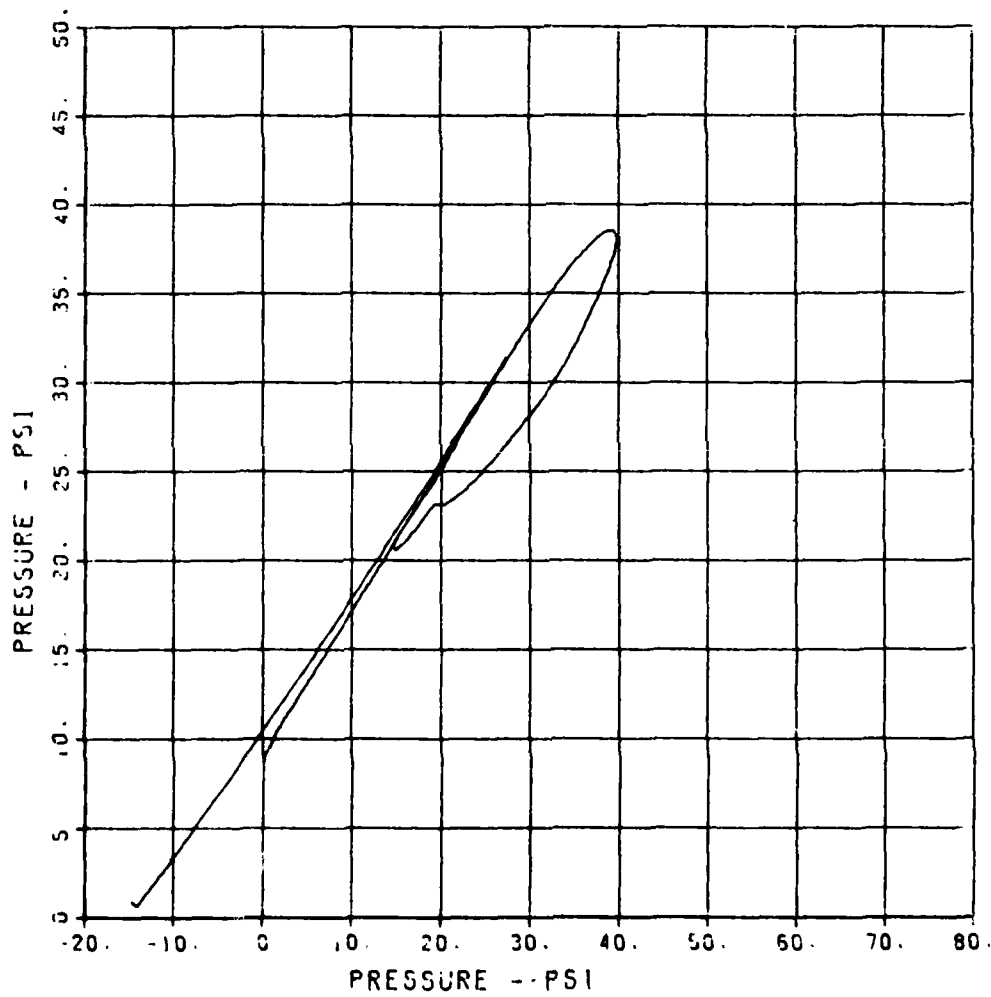
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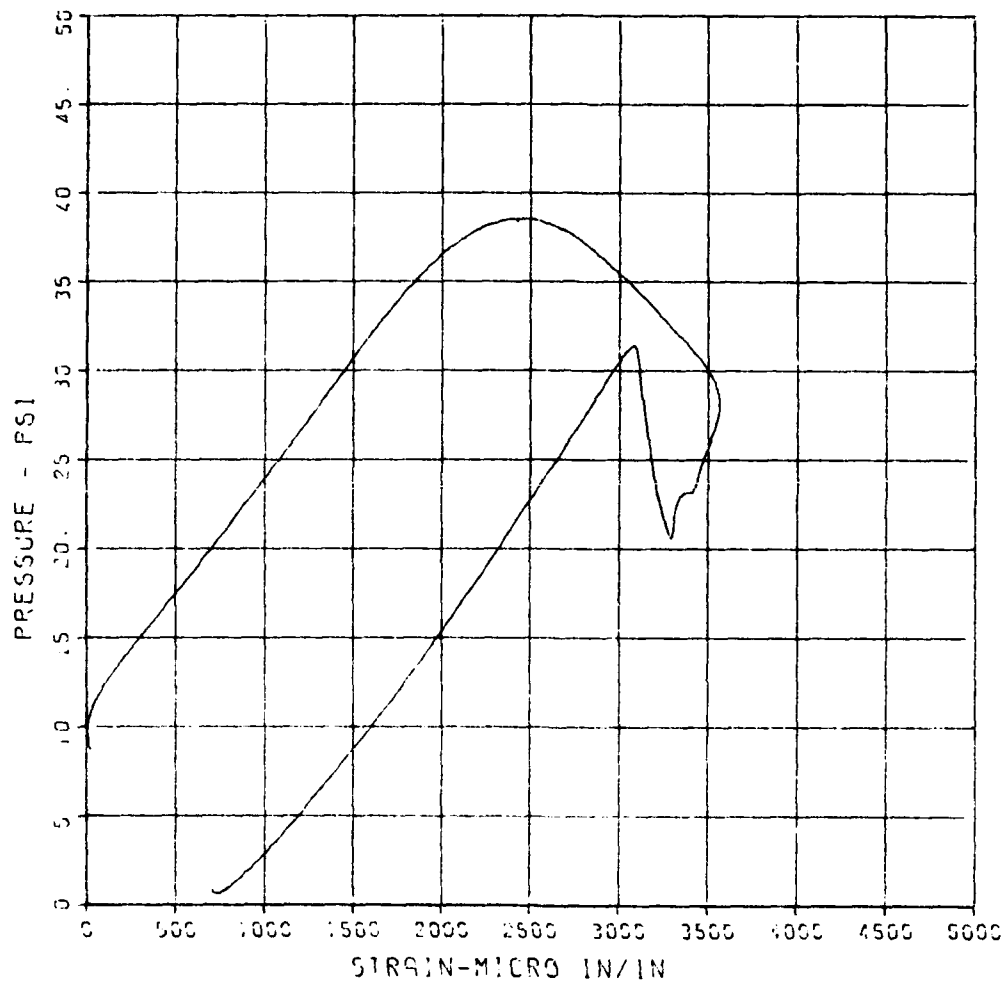
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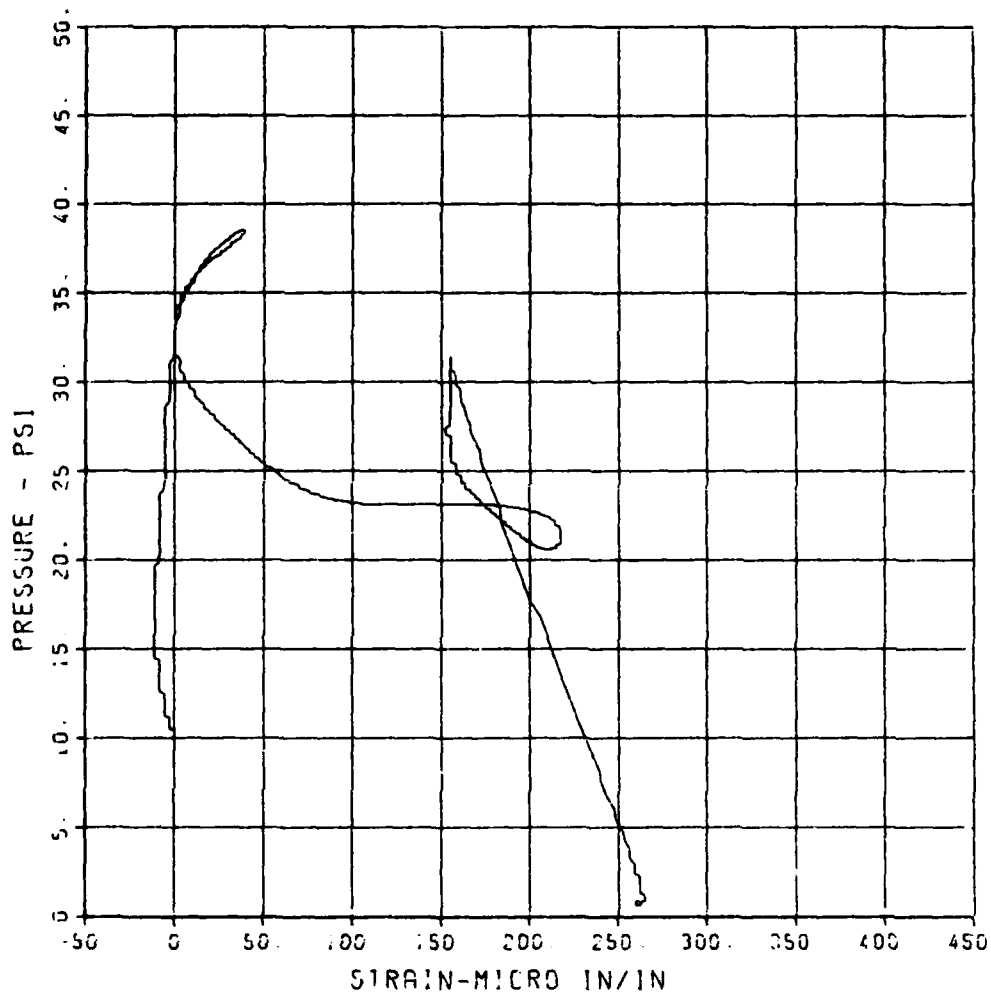
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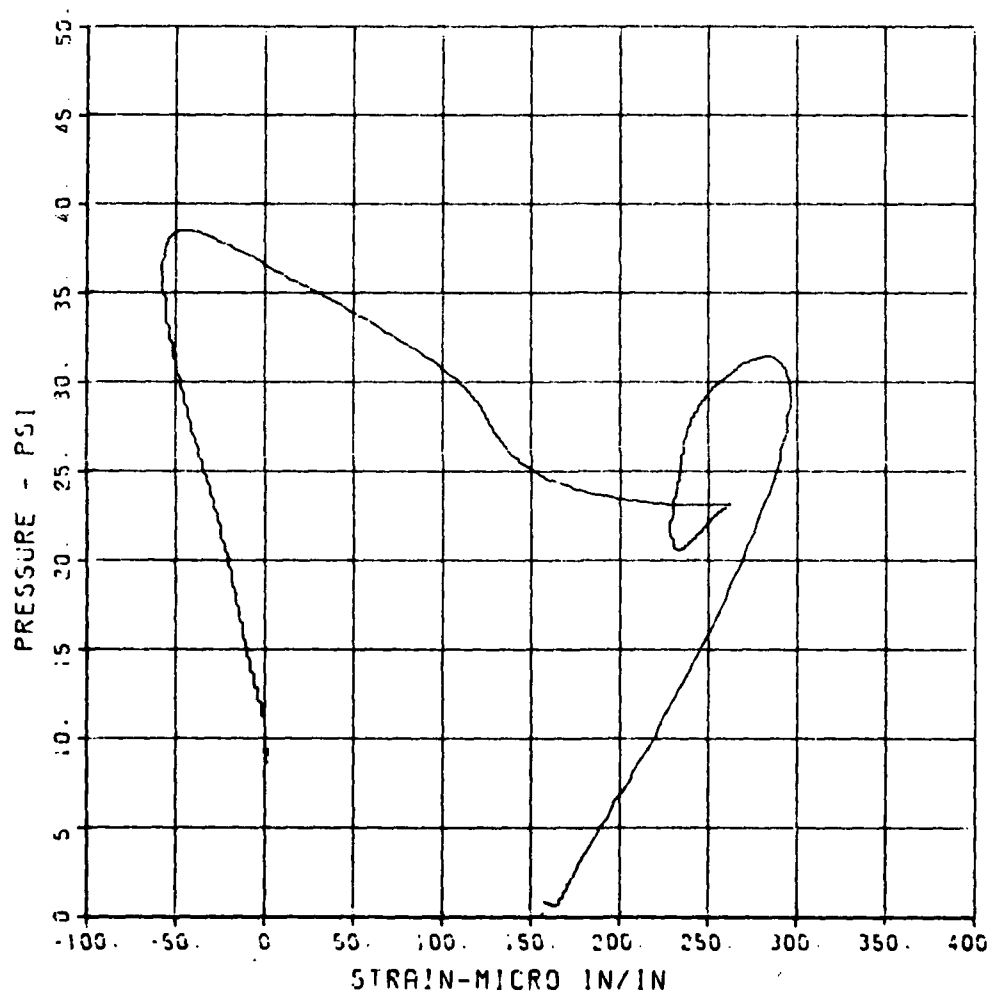
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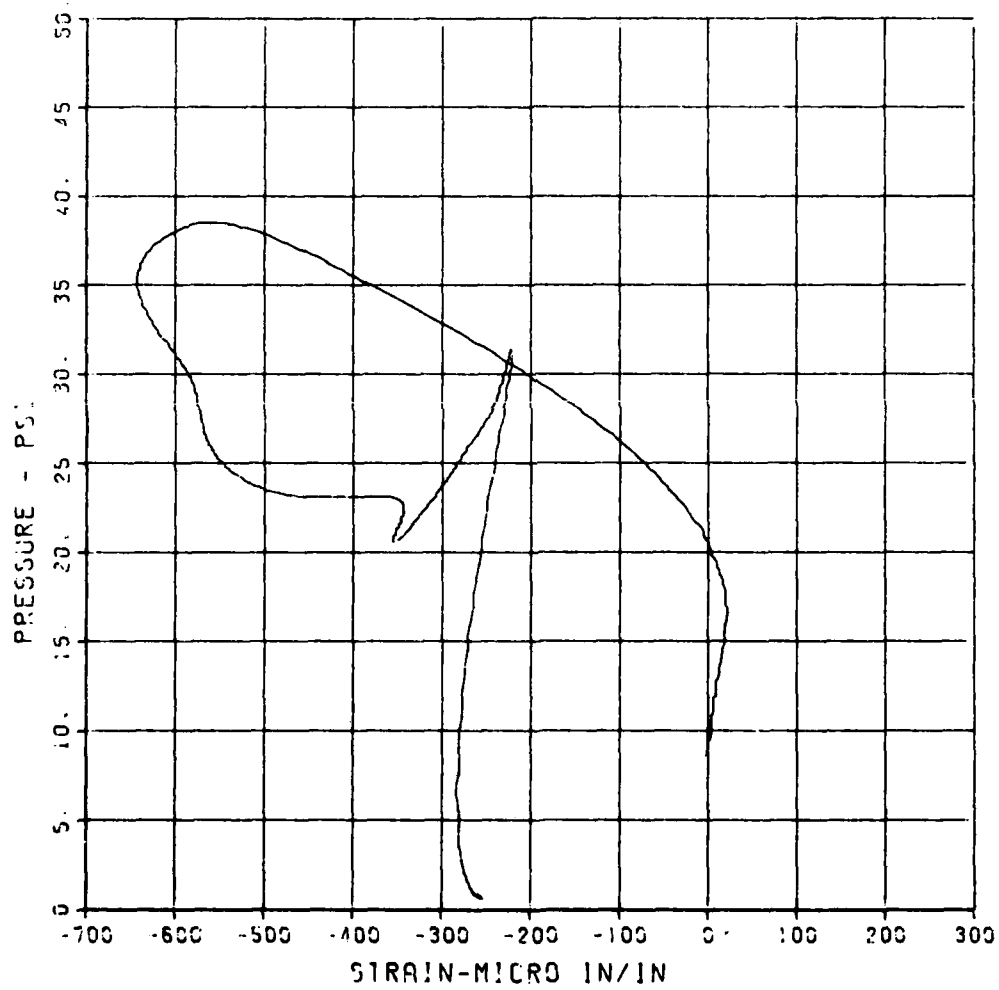
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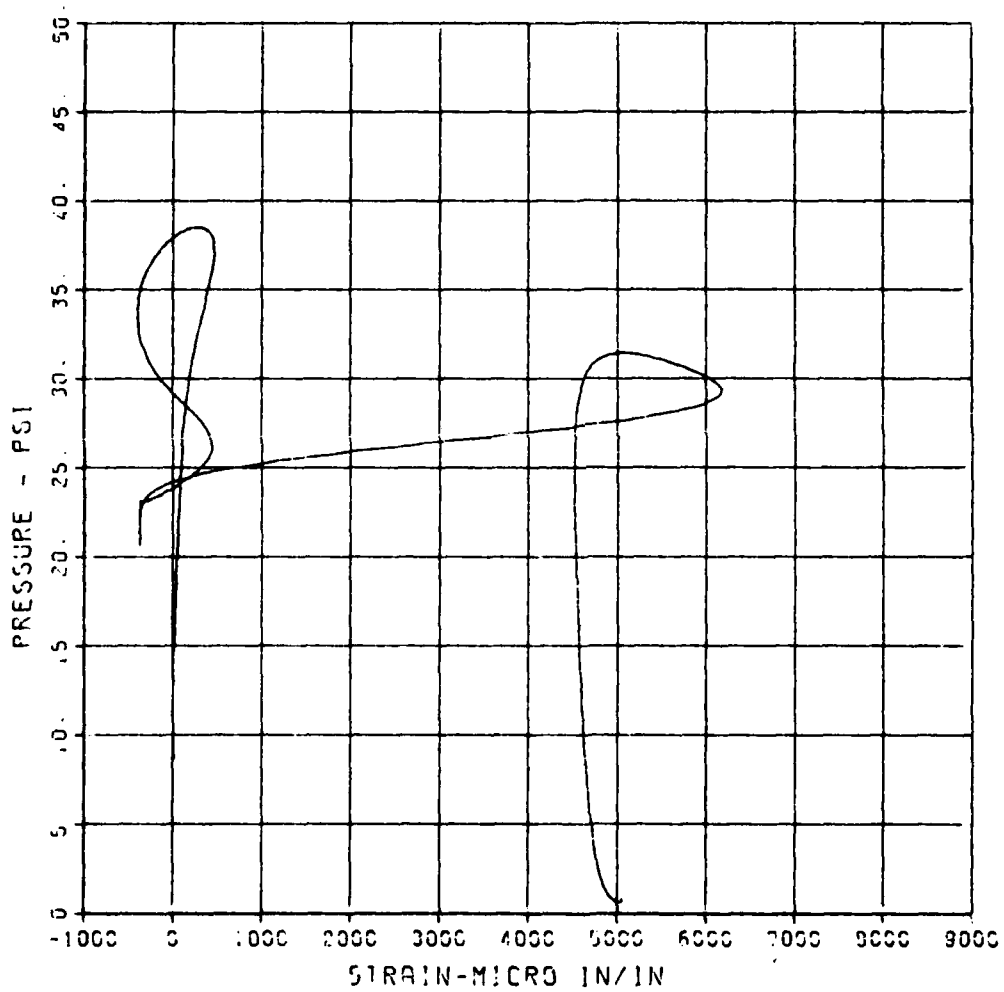
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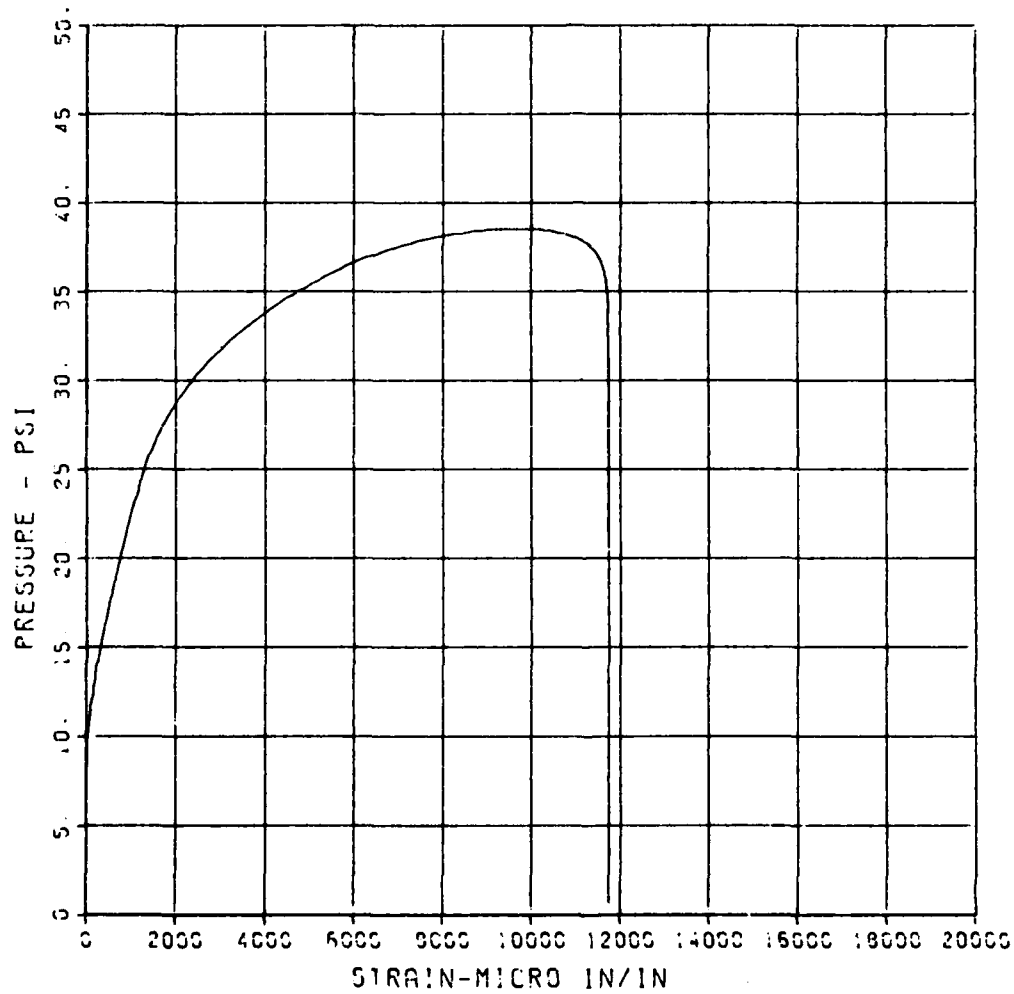
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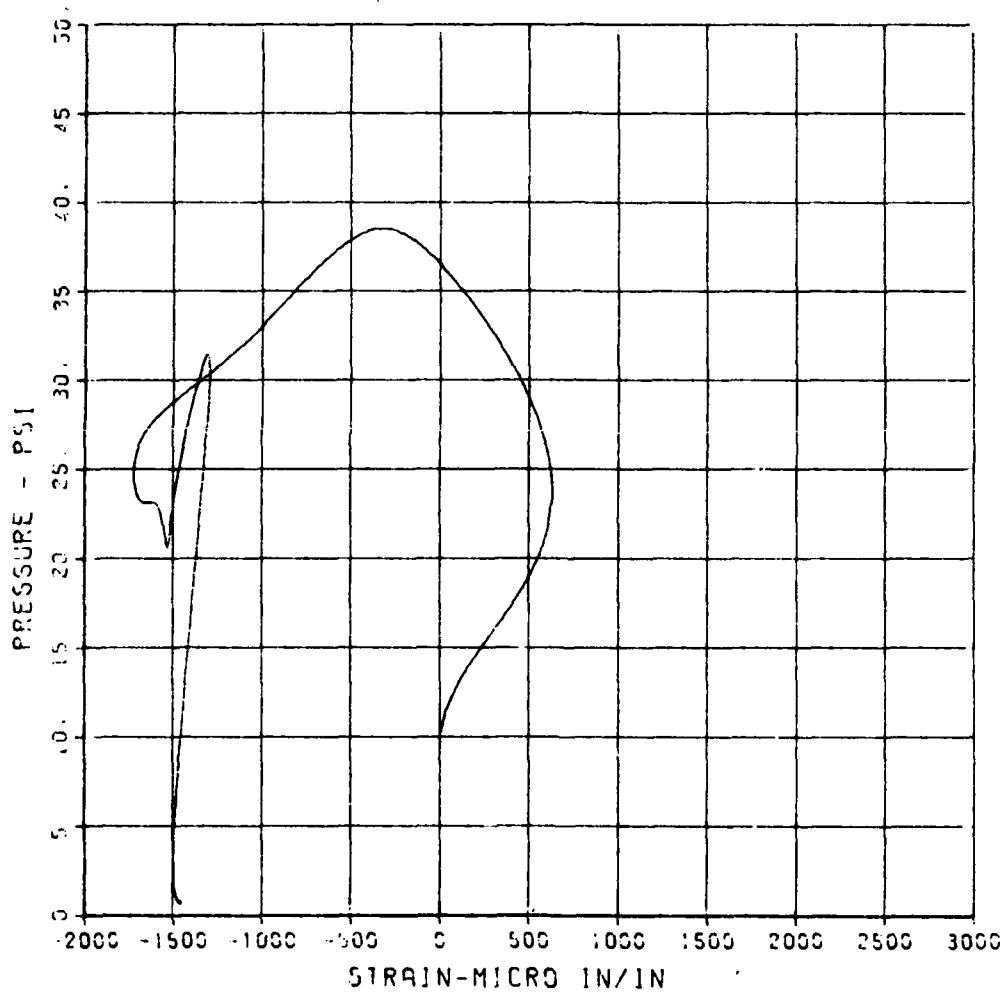
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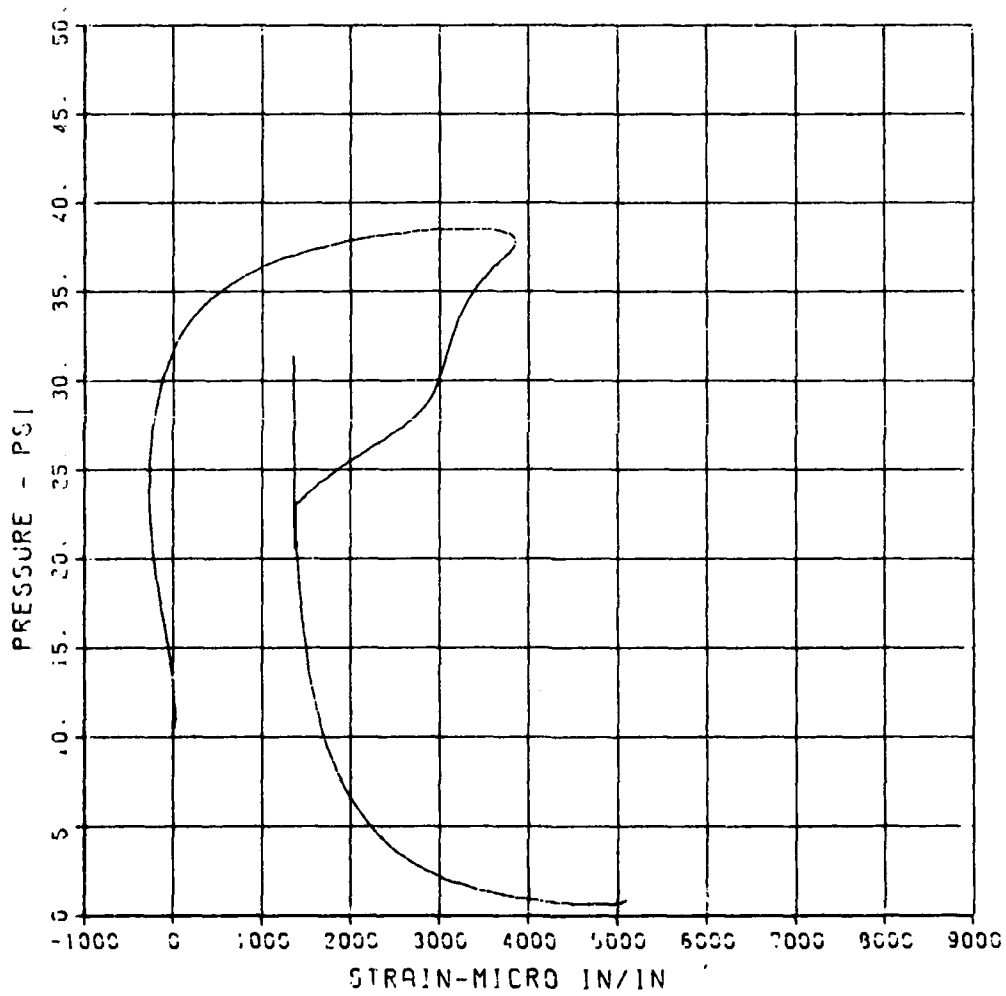
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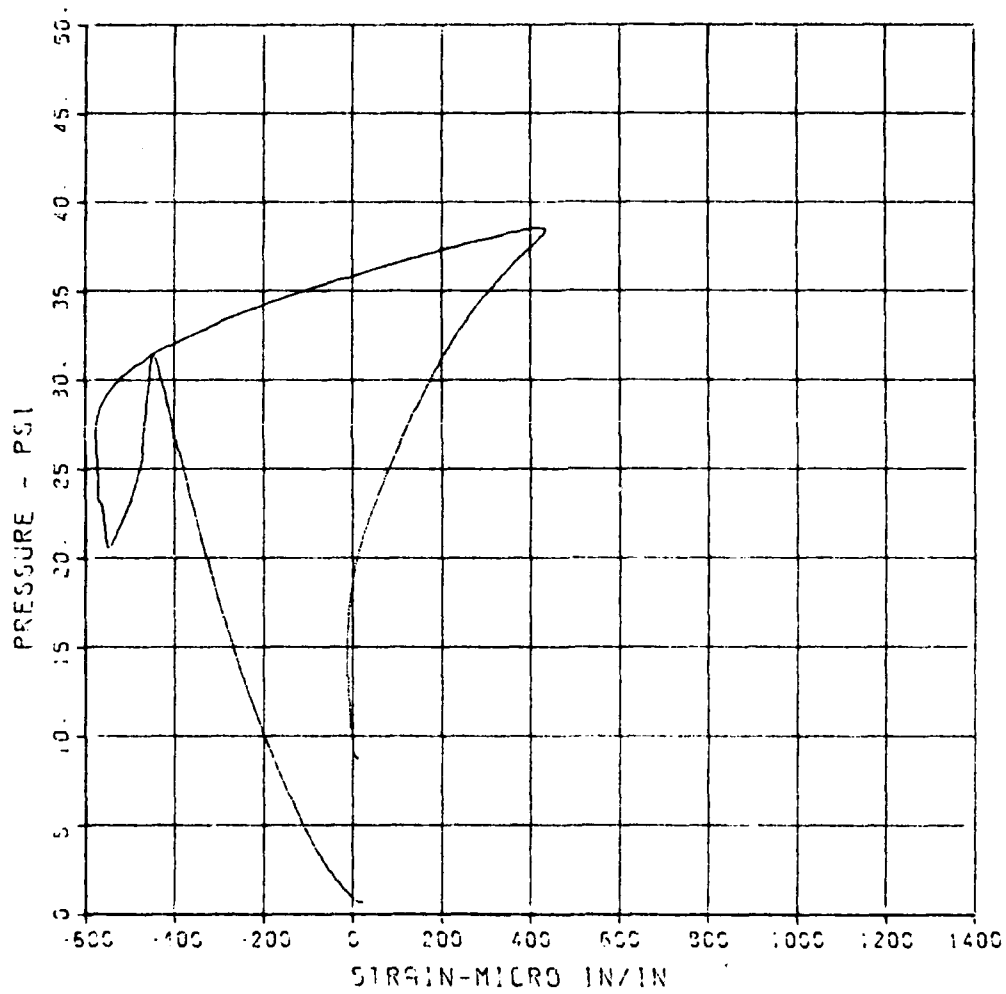
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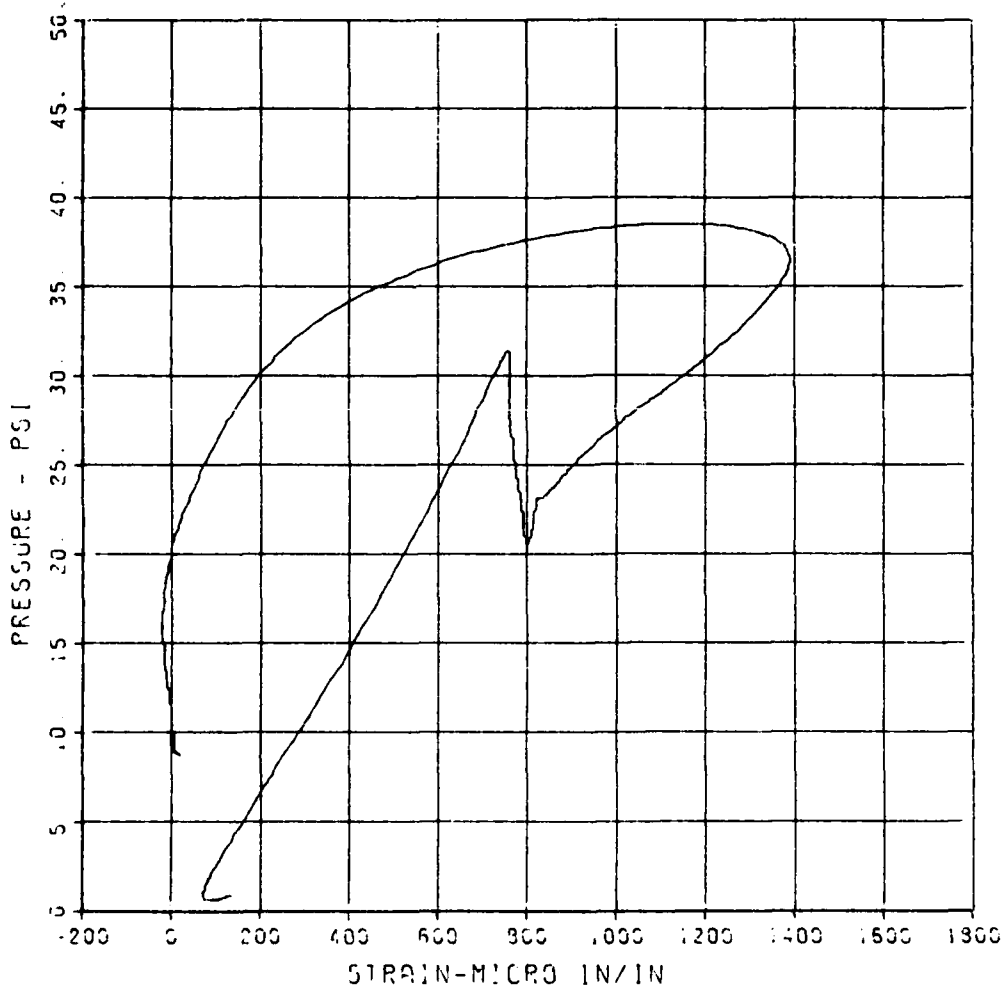
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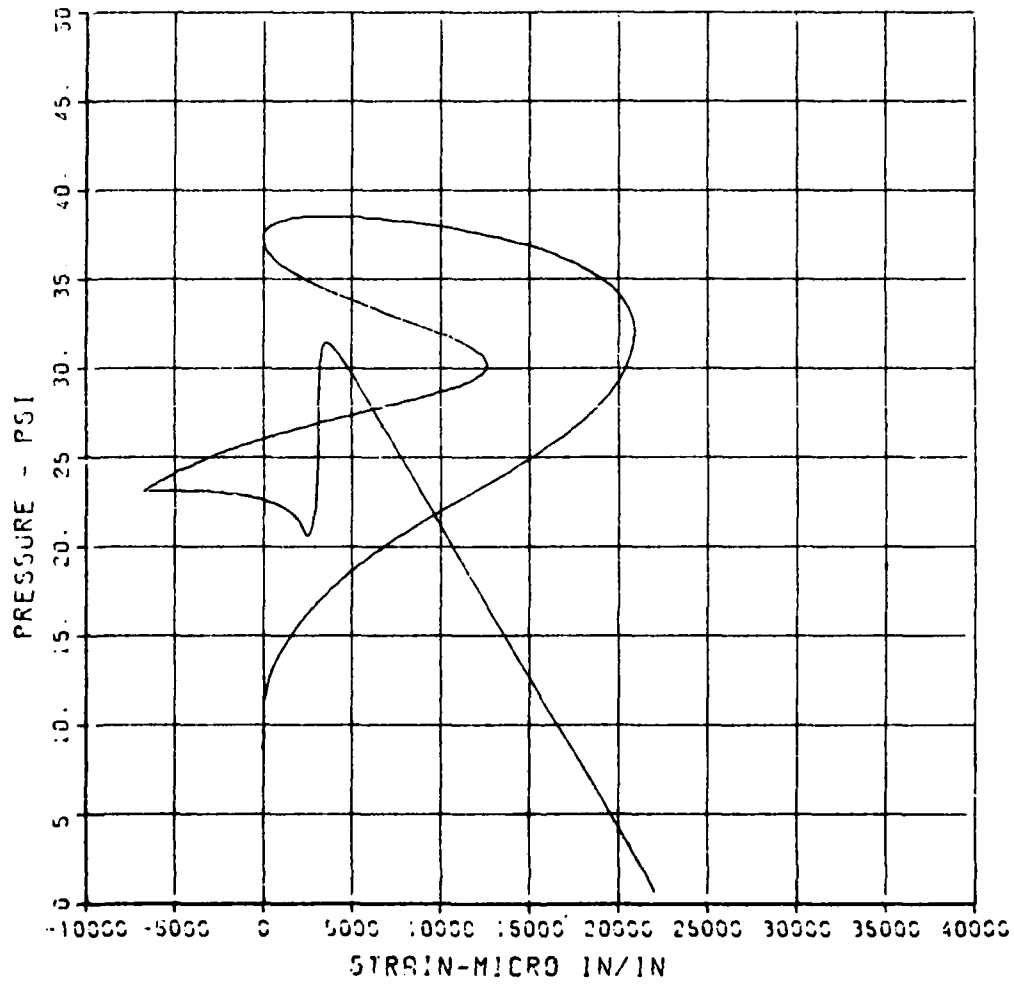
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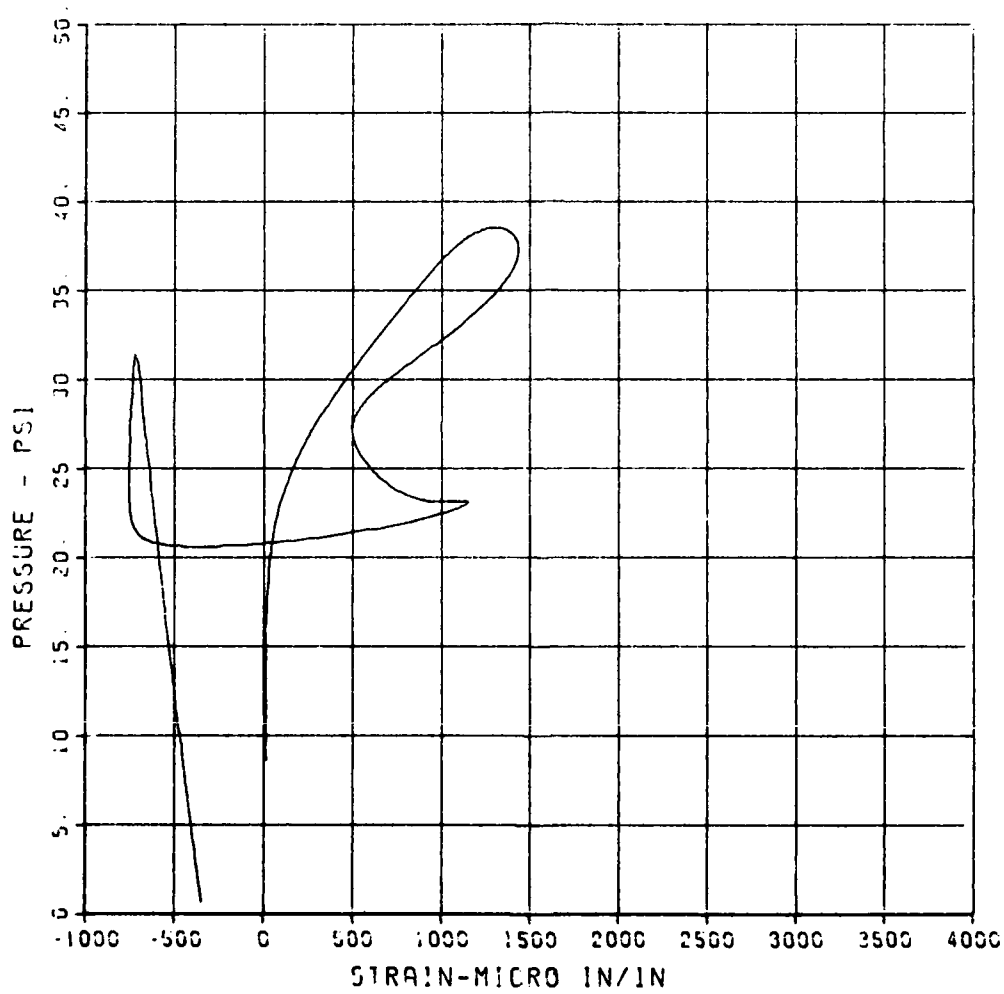
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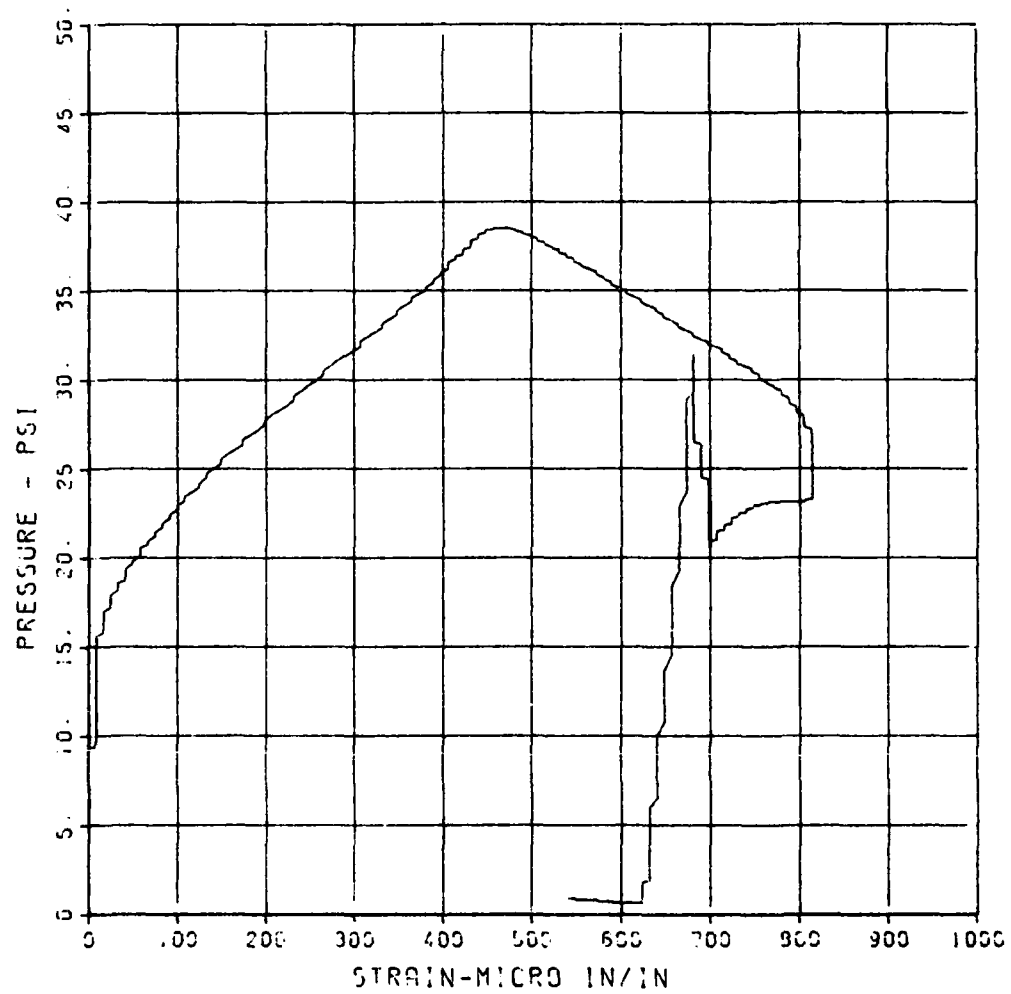
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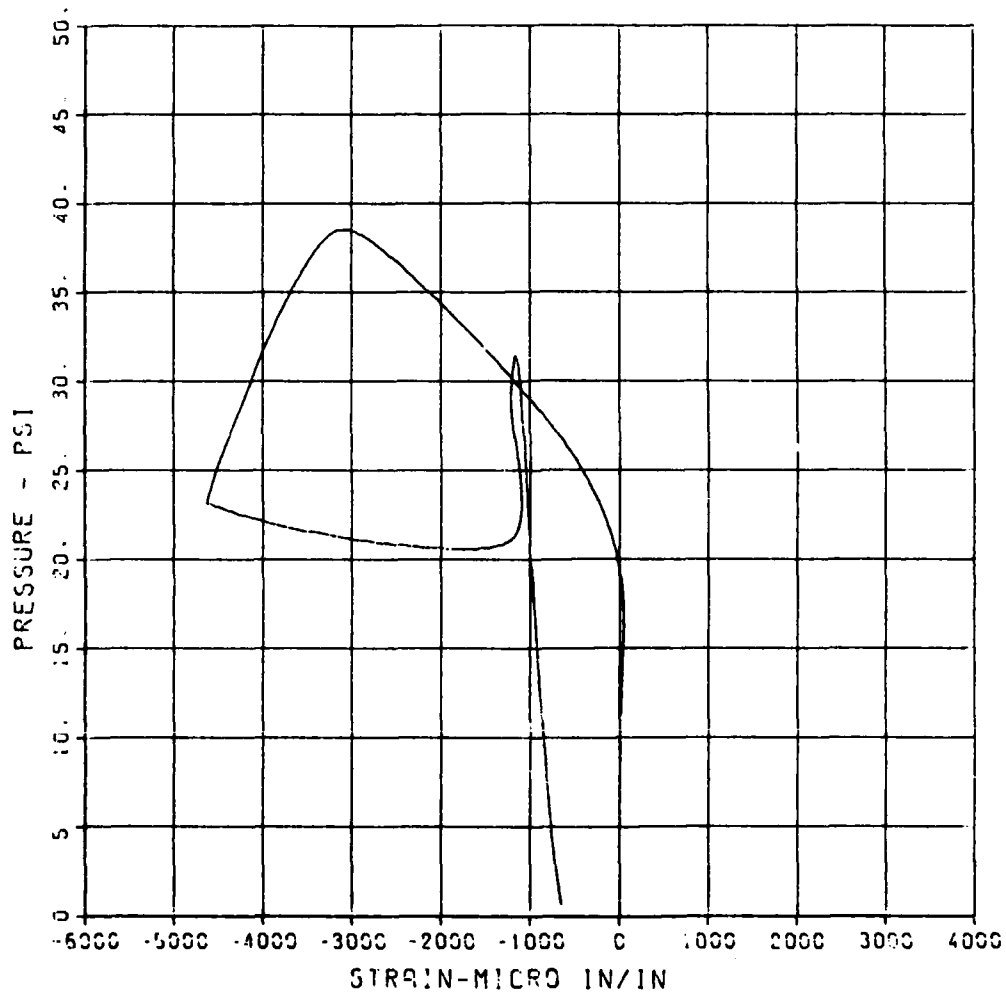
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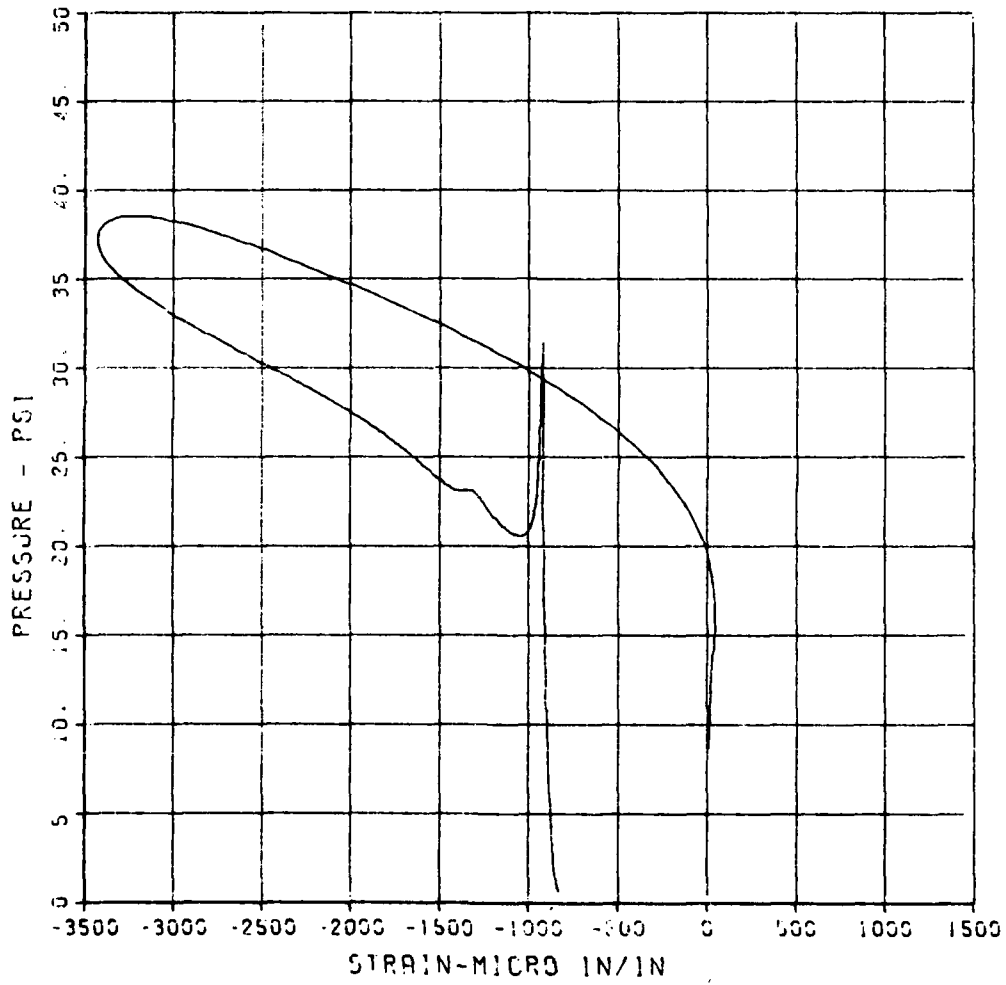
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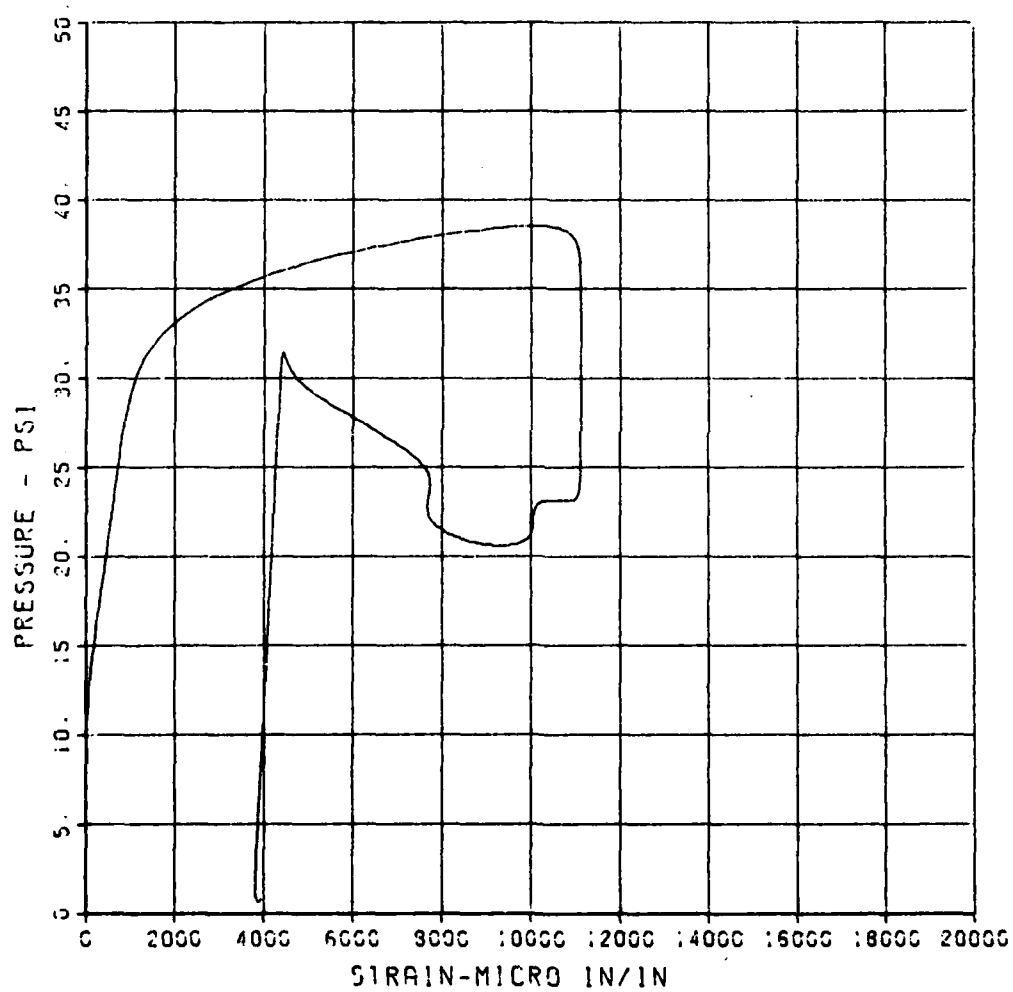
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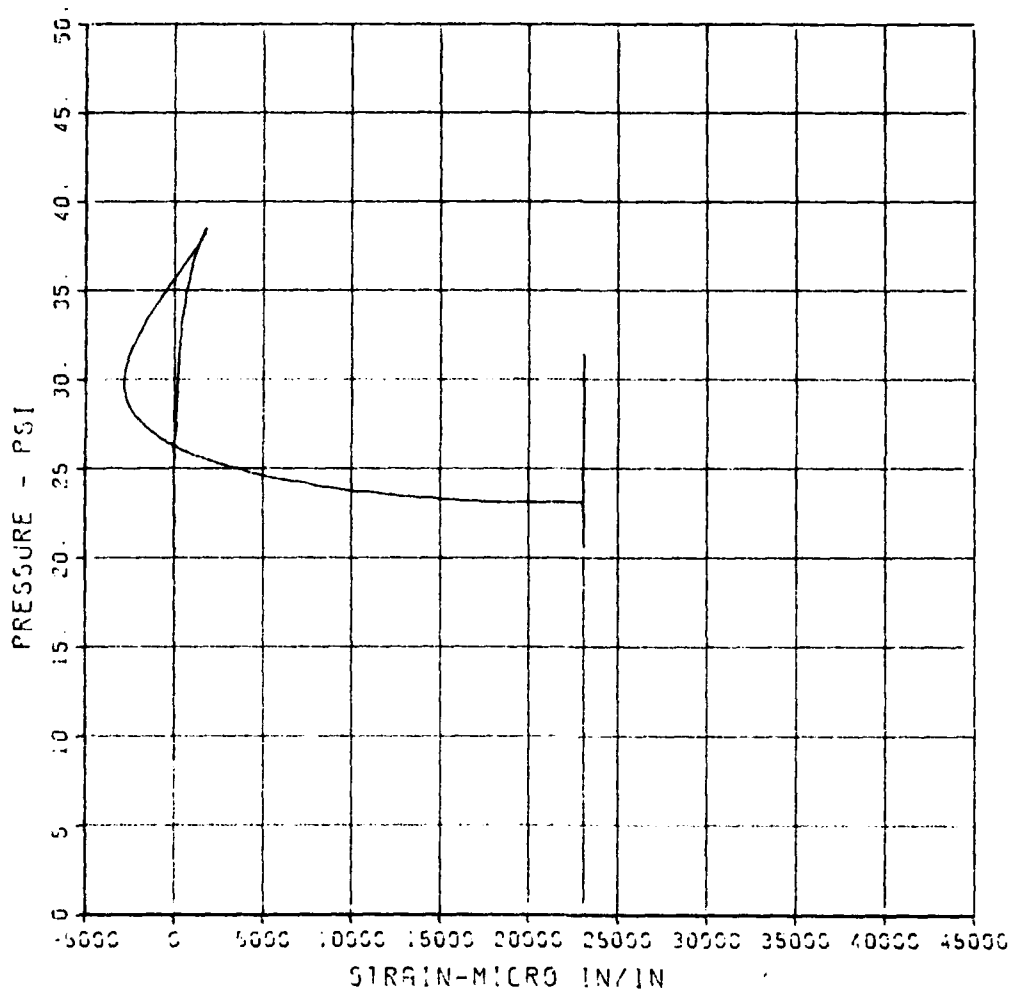
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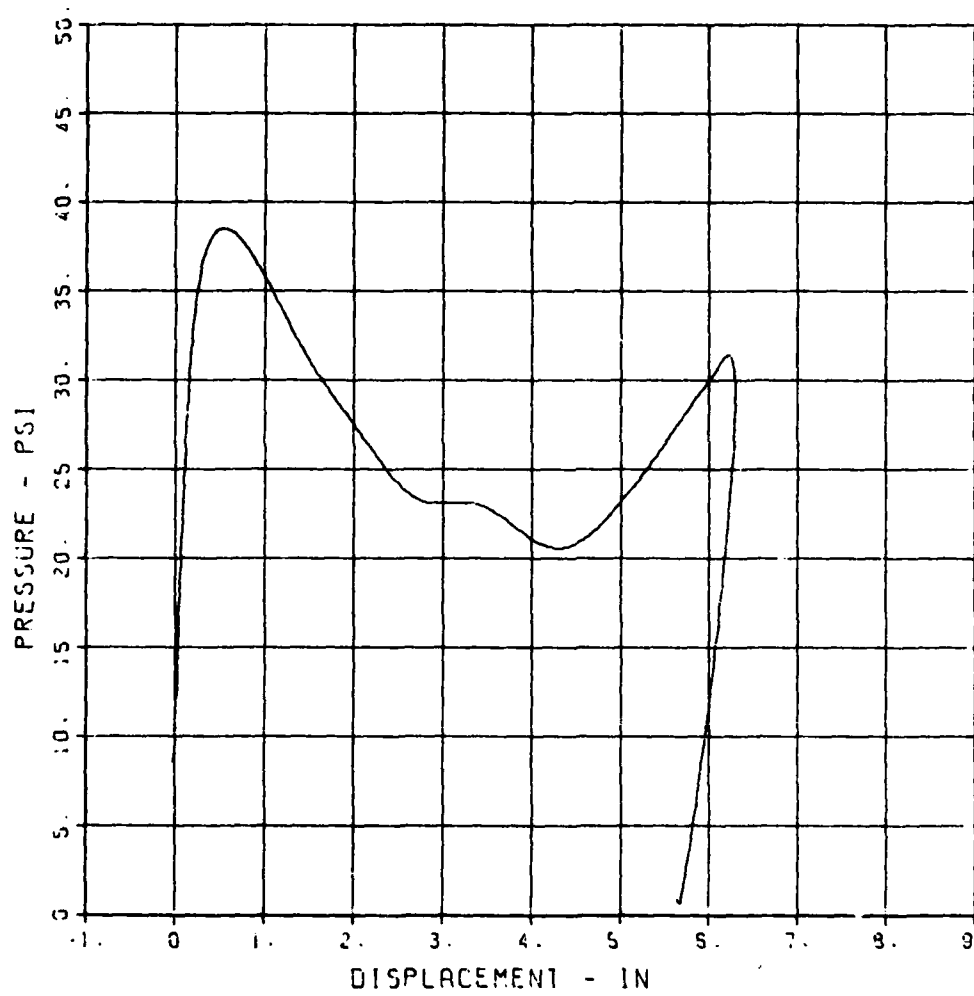
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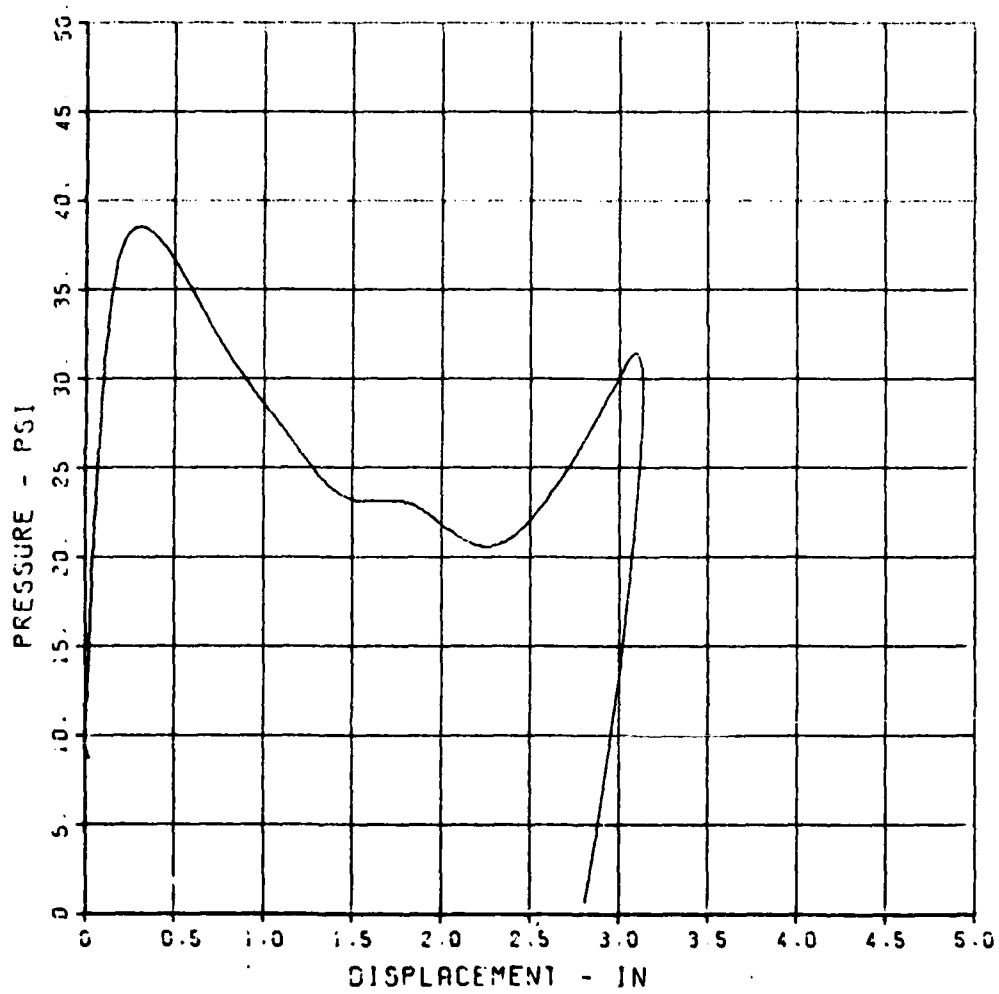
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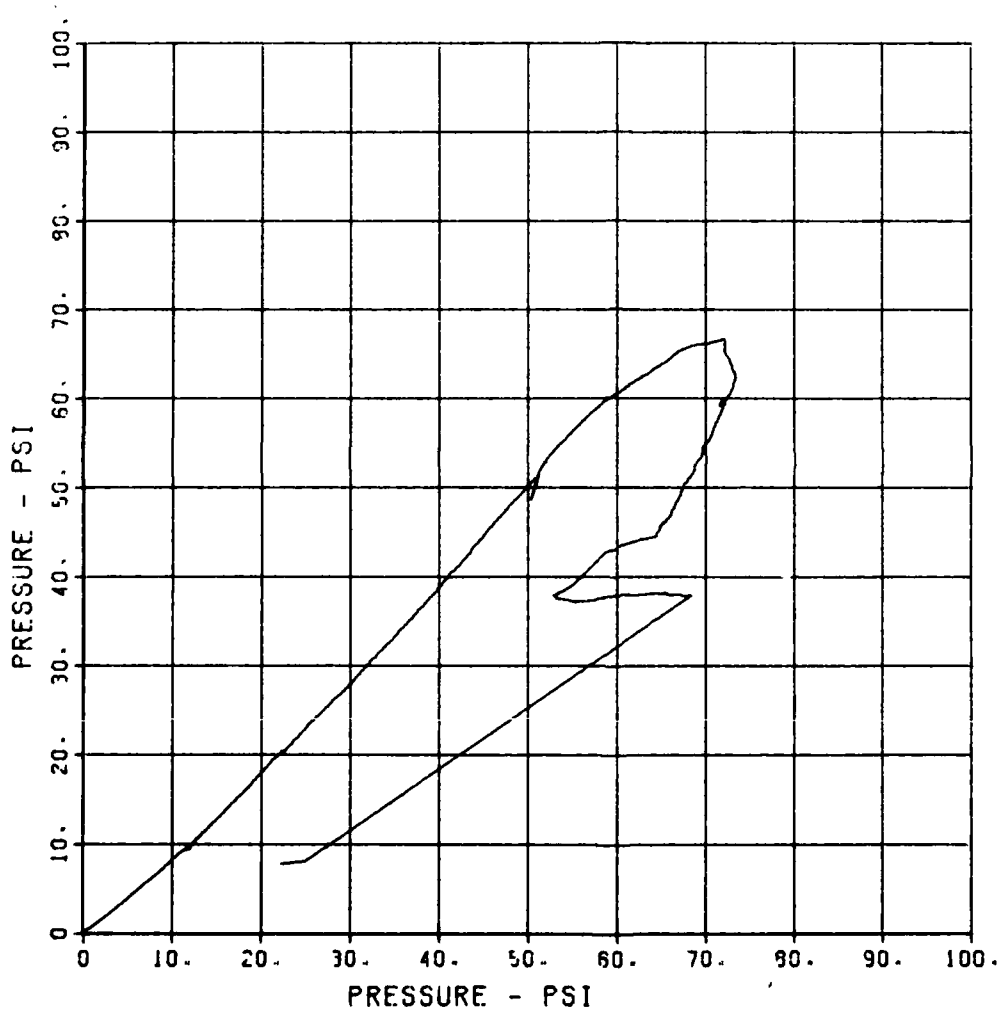
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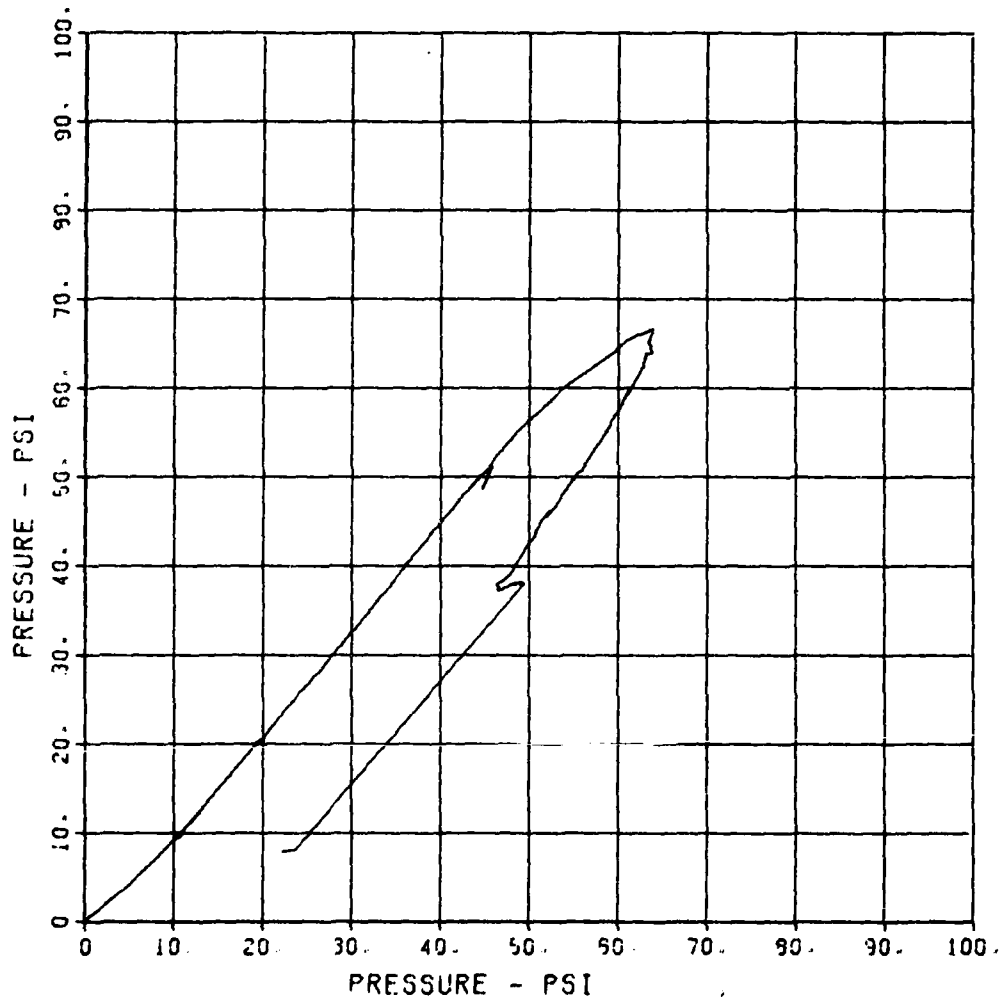
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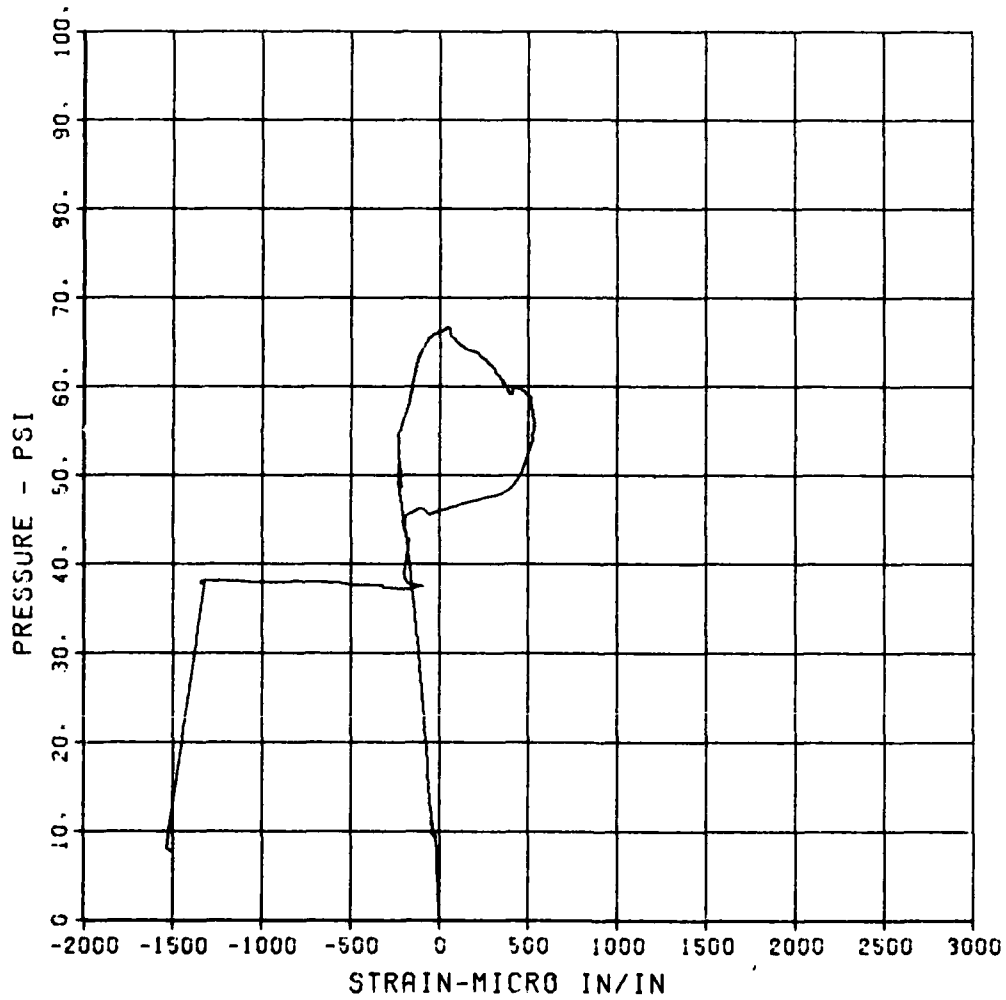
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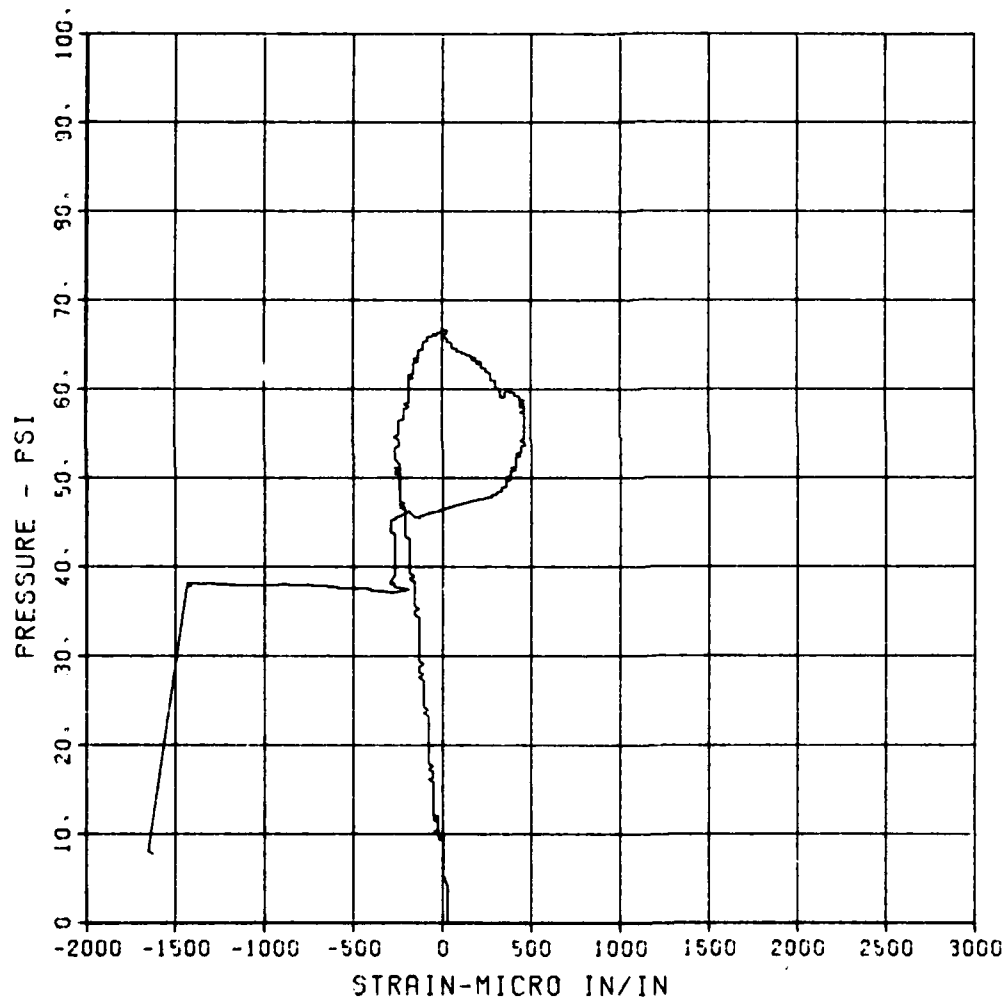
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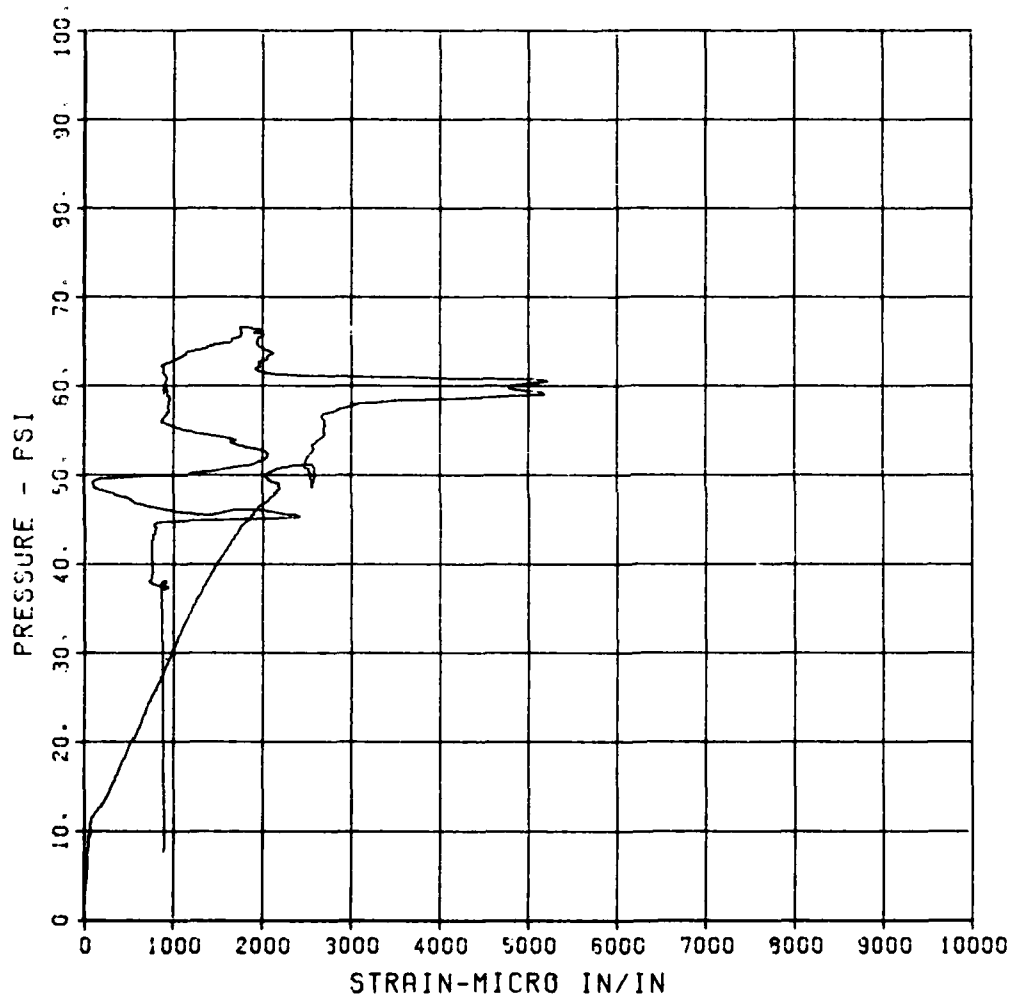
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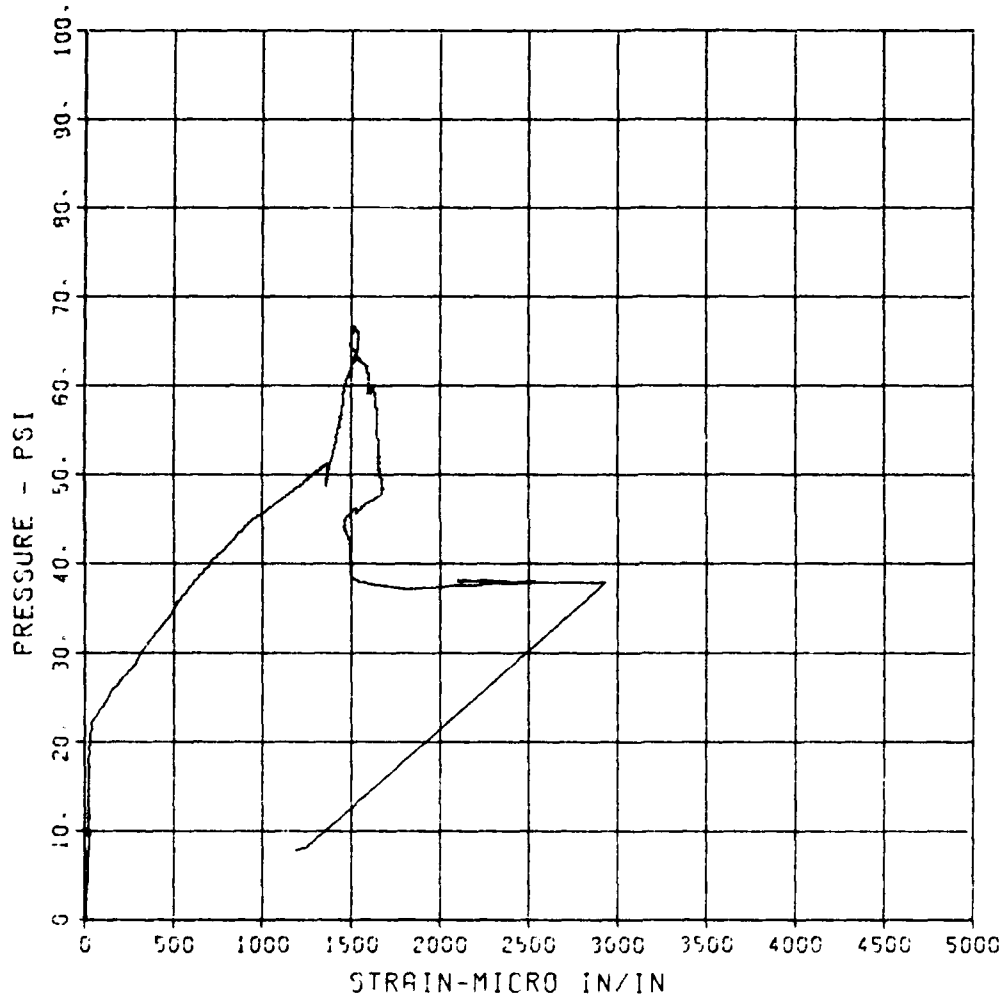
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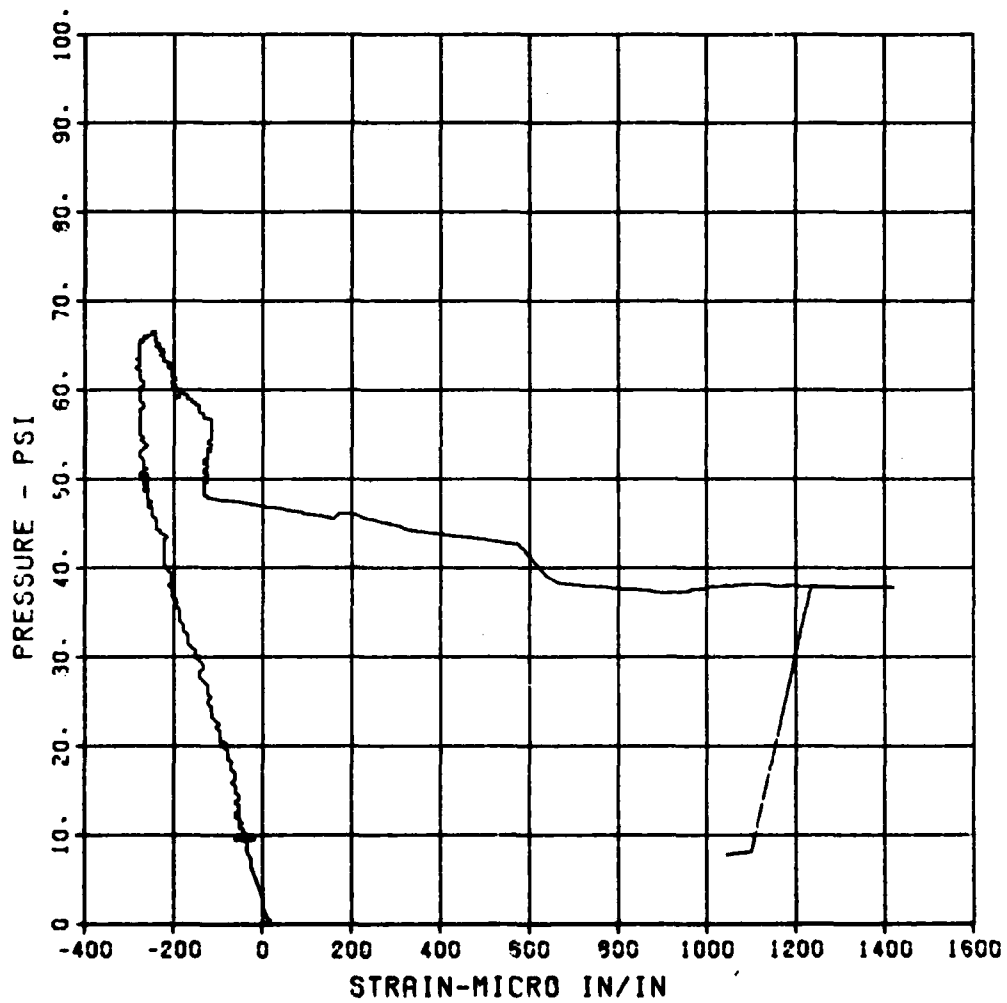
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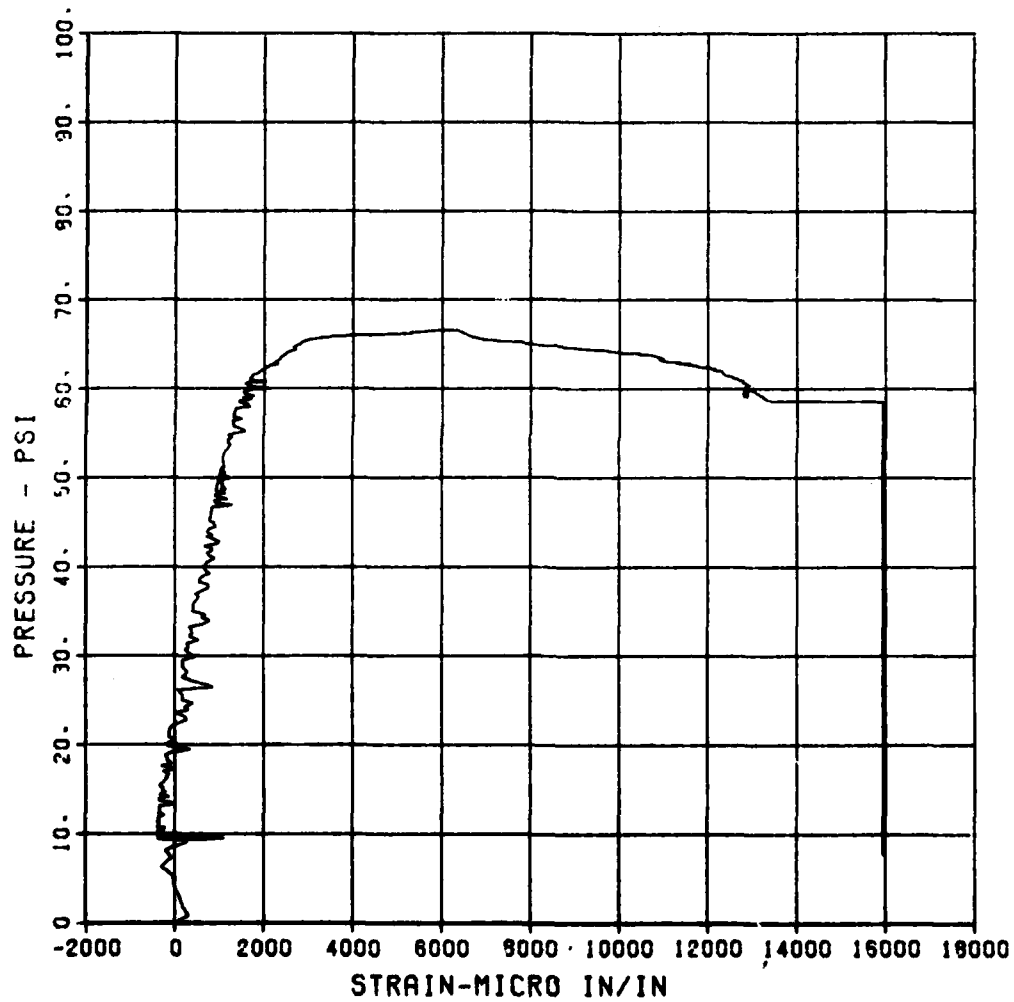
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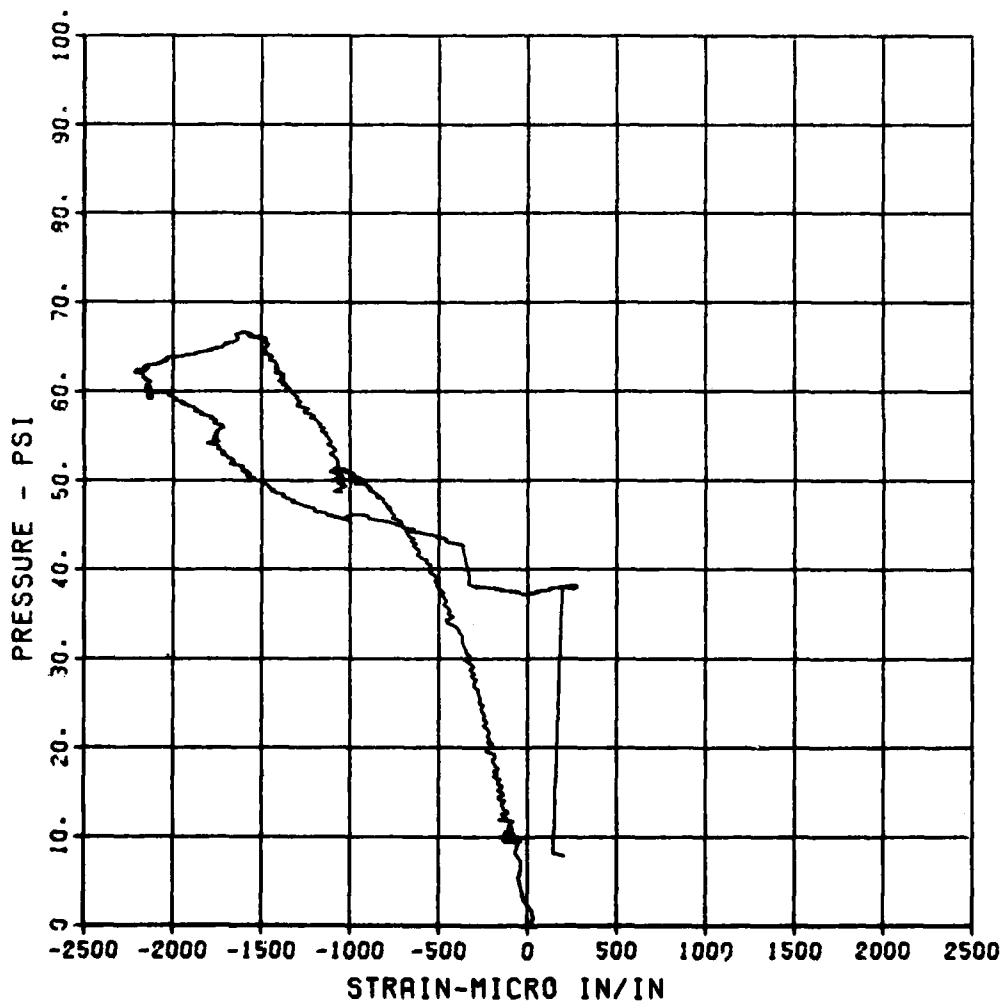
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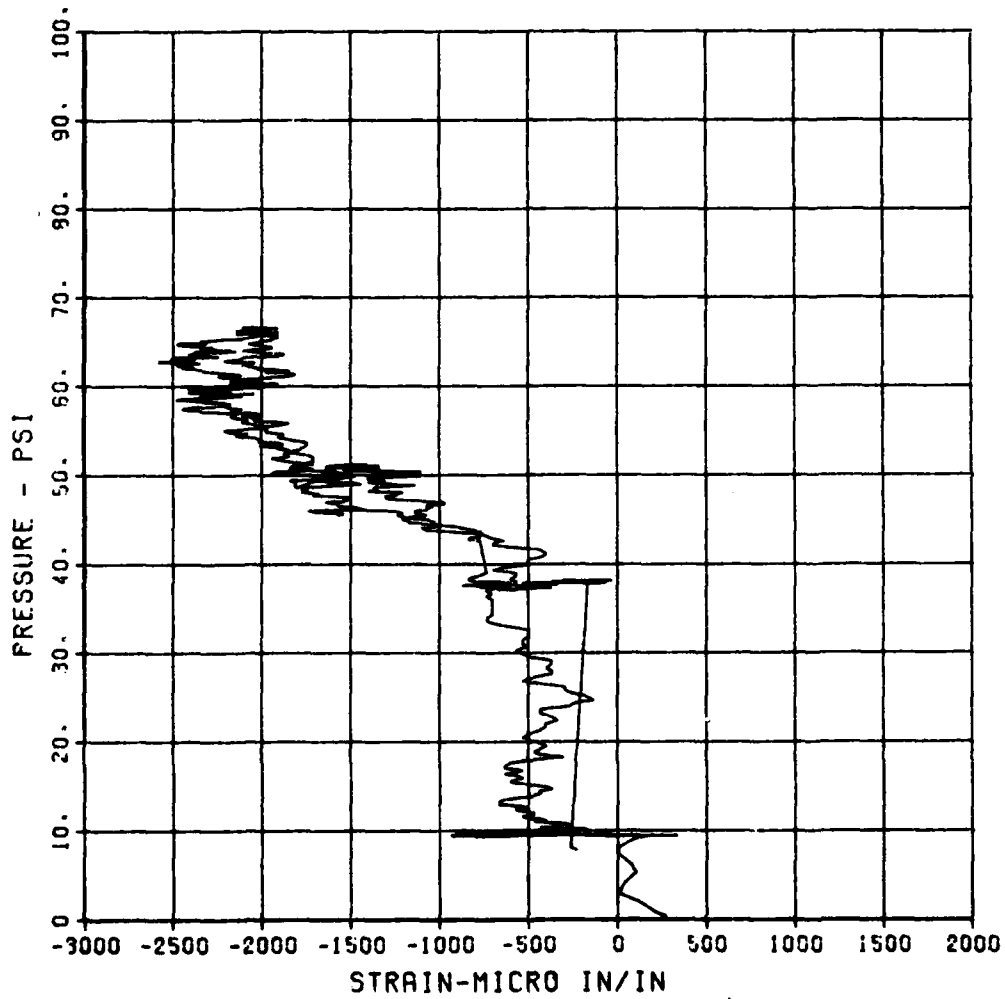
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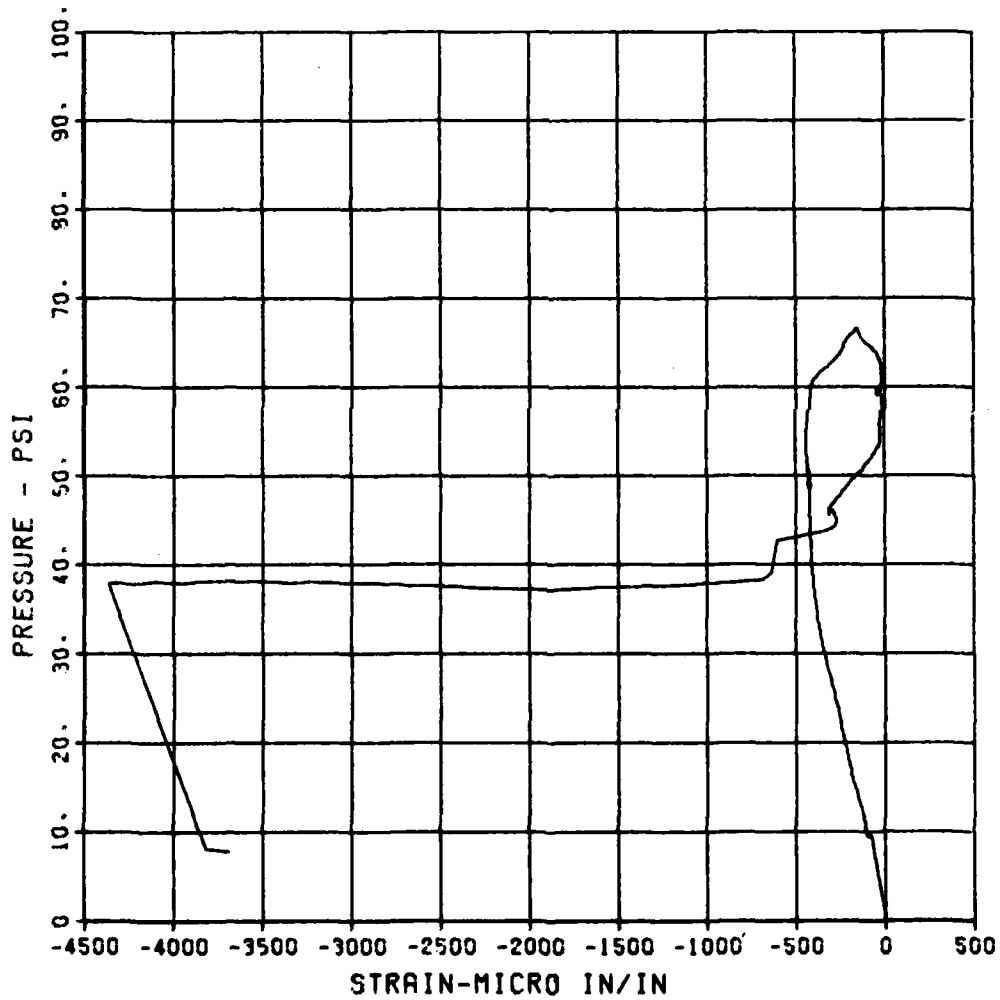
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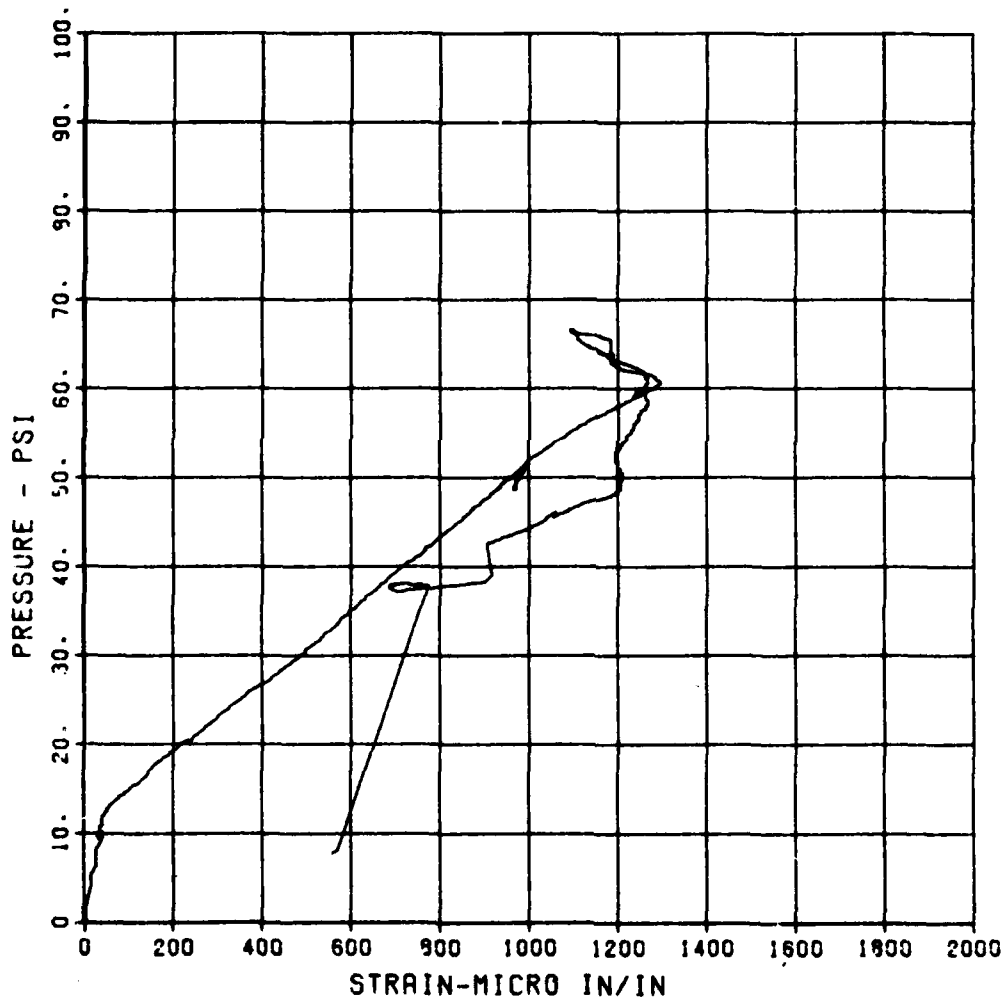
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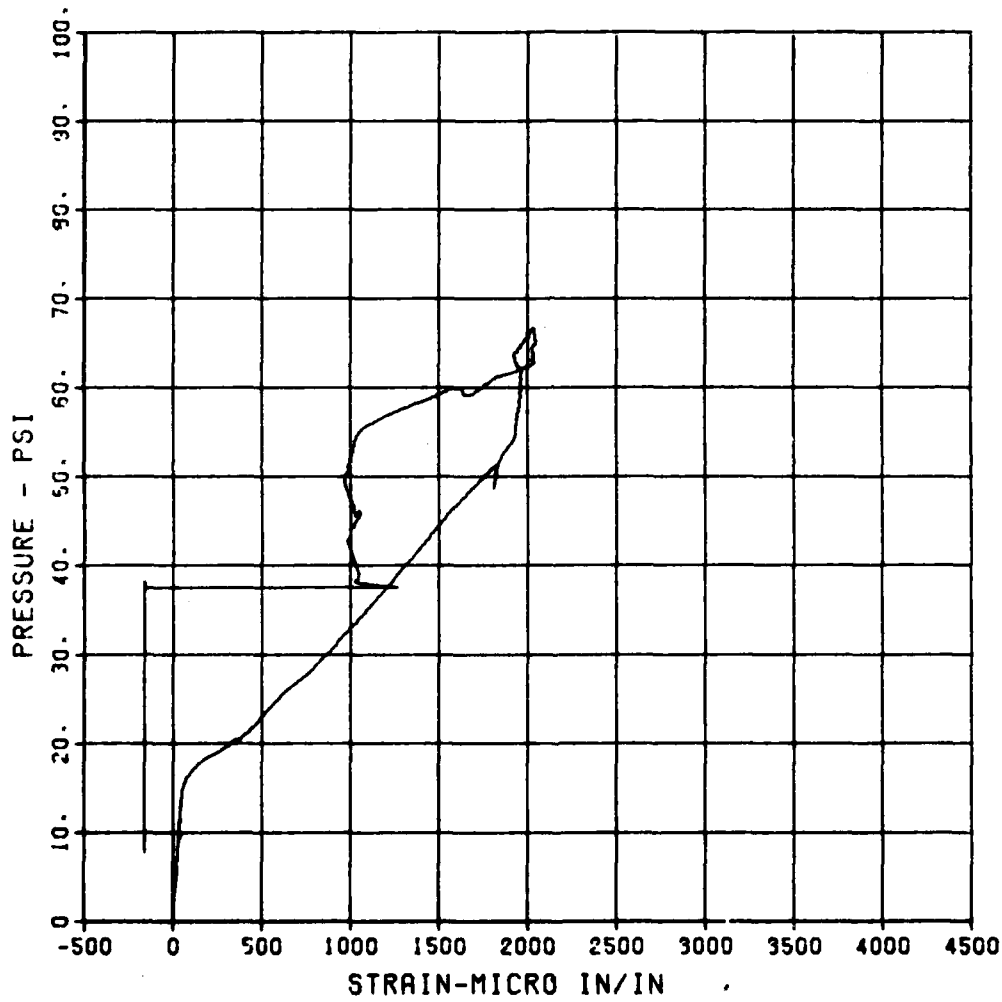
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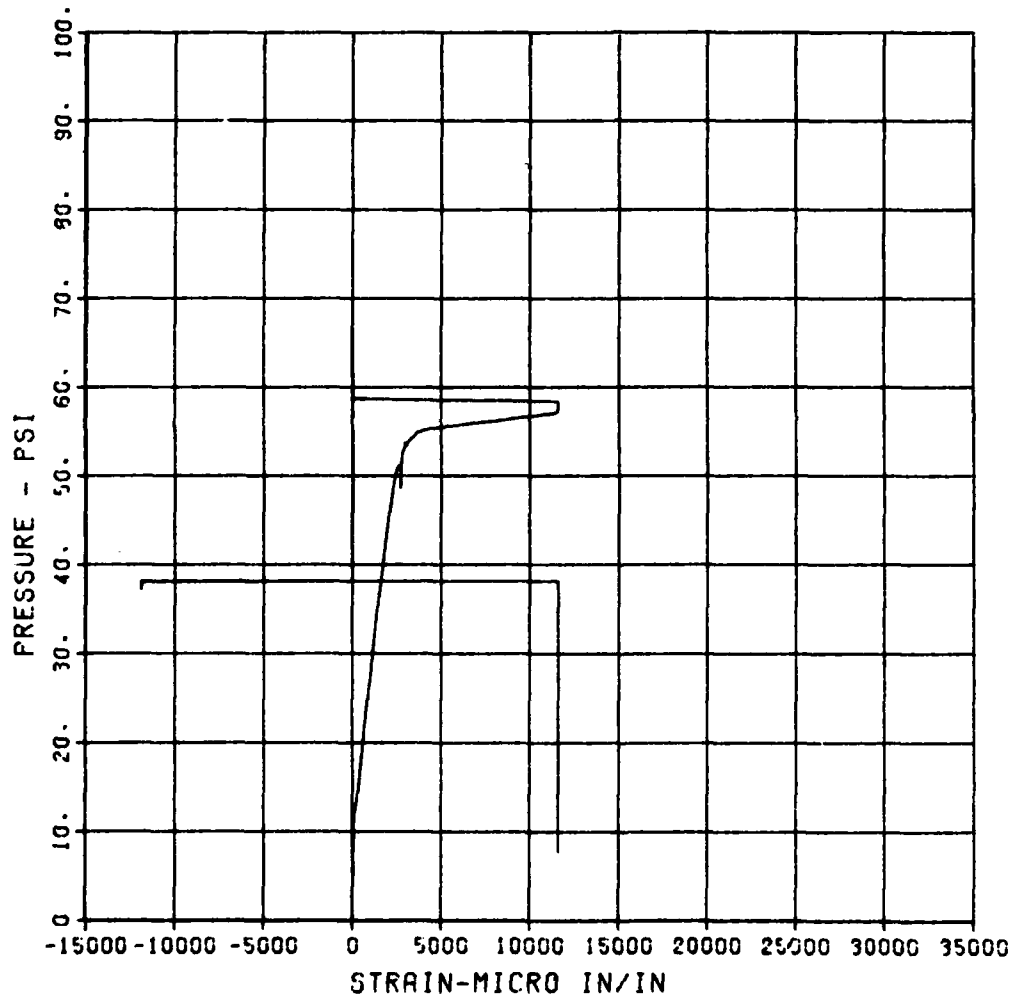
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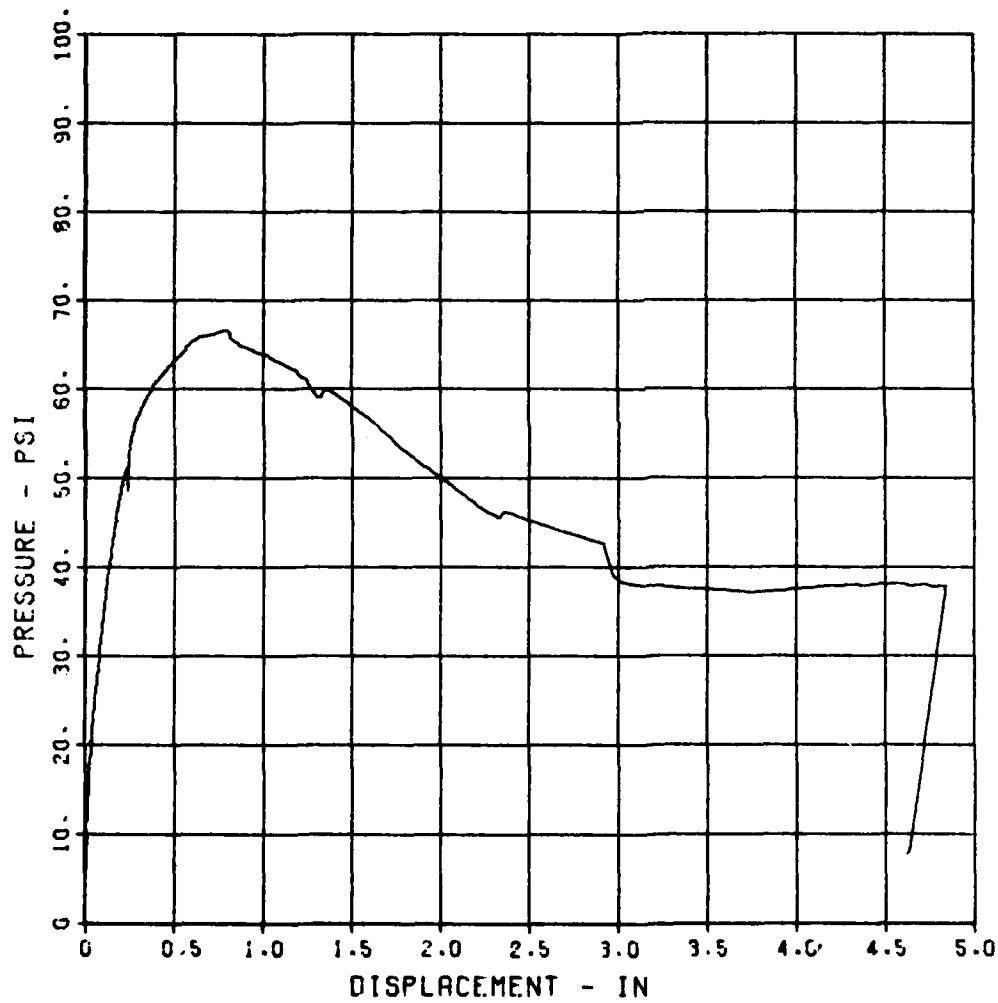
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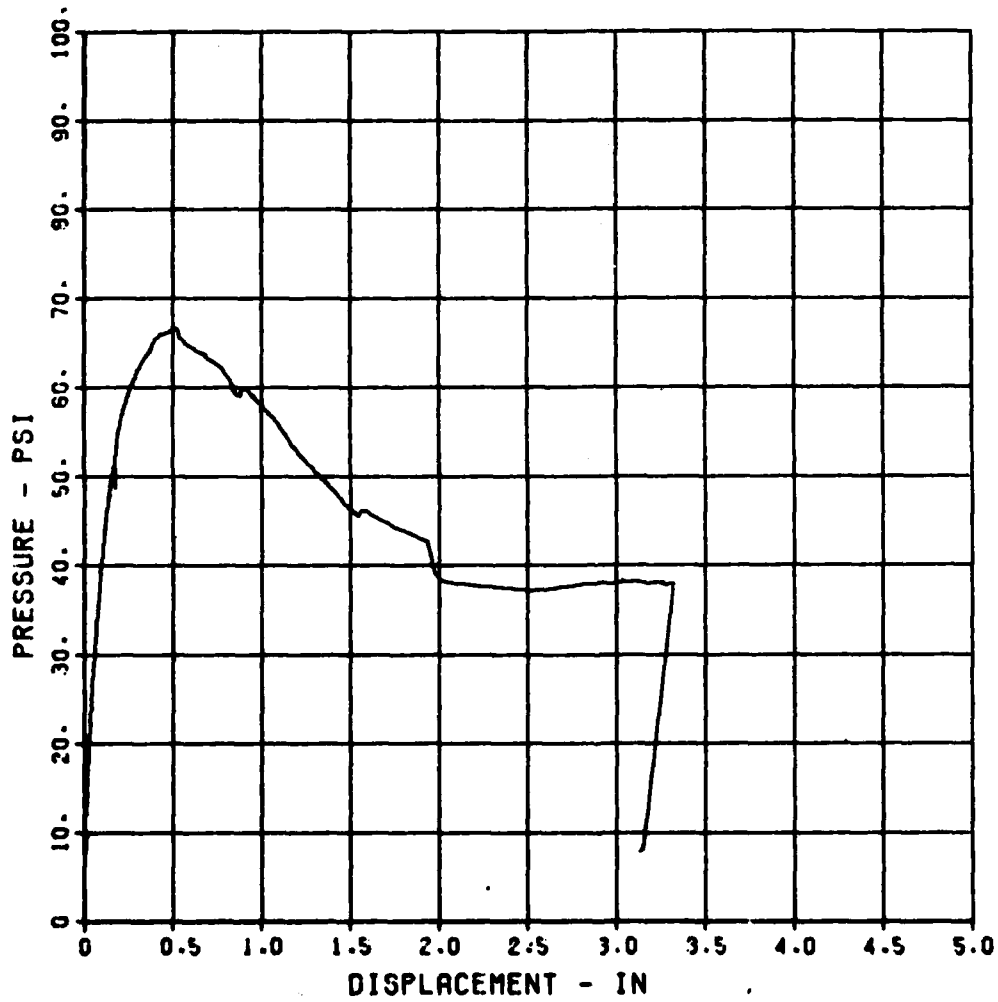
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